The story is finally beginning to move in this volume. However, this is still the prologue. Things are really going to stir up later on, so please anticipate it! At any rate, I wonder if a 'knight in the area' will appear in Japan soon. ...I mean, in real life.

-Igano Hiroaki

It's always best to eat watermelons on the porch. But Tsukiyama lives in an apartment, so he has to eat watermelons indoors. Not to mention the fact that cleaning up is a hassle, so he eats them over the sink. Ah, having a porch would be great. It would be great if apartment houses could have porches too!

-Tsukiyama Kaya

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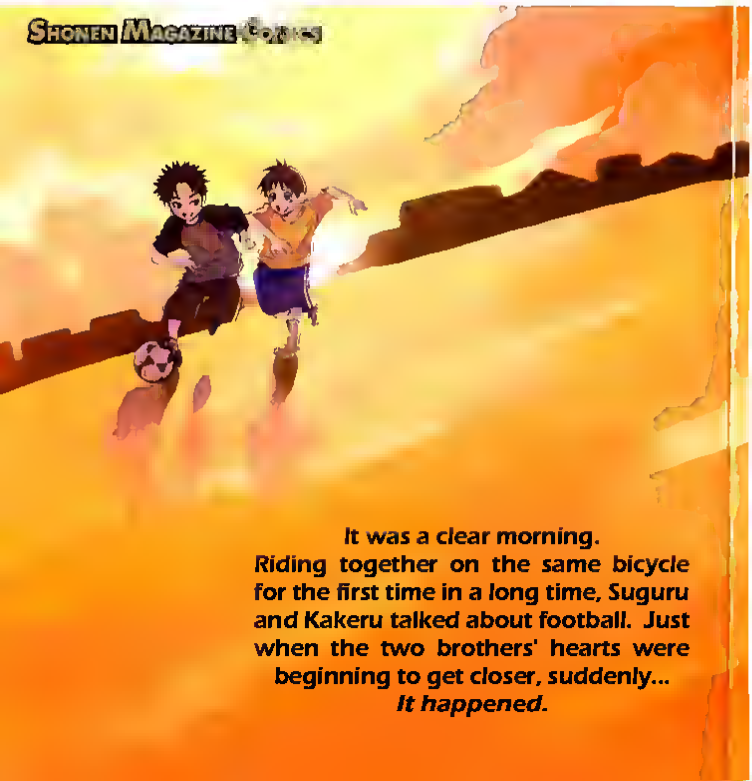

It was a clear morning.
Riding together on the same bicycle for the first time in a long time, Suguru and Kakeru talked about football. Just when the two brothers' hearts were beginning to get closer, suddenly...
It happened.

EH, NO, I DON'T SEEM TO REMEMBER...
IT WAS YOU KAKERU!
ARE YOU SAYING THAT I'D BUY THIS UGLY THING...?
DON'T SAY THAT! TH... KAKERU, YOU GAVE THIS TO ME IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, REMEMBER?

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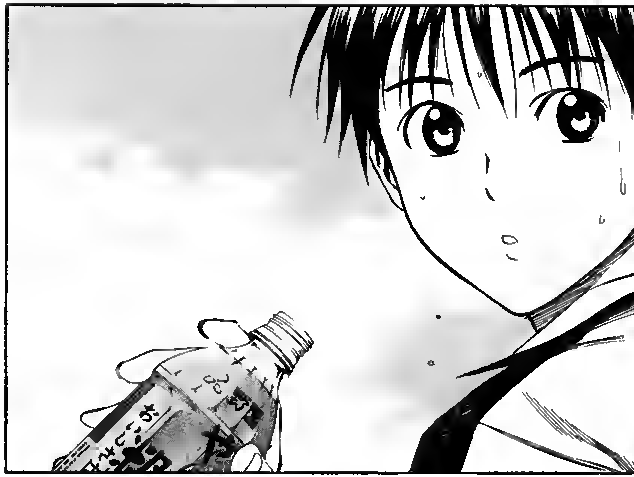

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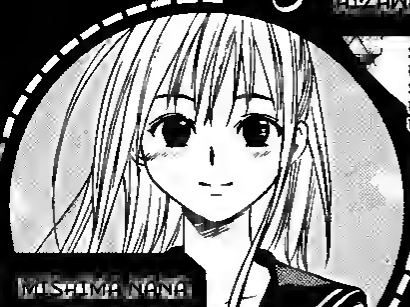
Character of THE KNIGHT in THE AREA

AIZAWA SUGURU

A YOUTHFUL 5-YEAR-OLD GENTLE MIDFIELDER. HE IS EXPECTED BY MANY TO SHOULDER THE FUTURE OF JAPAN'S SOCCER. UNWORLDLY, AGITATED BY HIS UNMOTIVATED YOUNGER BROTHER...?

AIZAWA KAKERU

SUGURU'S YOUNGER BROTHER. [illegible] A FORWARD, BUT DUE TO HIS [illegible] ON HIS LEFT SIDE HE NOW WORKS AS THE MANAGER OF THE FOOTBALL CLUB. SECRETLY [illegible] IN THE PARK AT NIGHT...



MUSHIMA NANA

A [illegible] OF SUGURU AND KAKERU SINCE SEVEN. SINCE [illegible] FROM AMERICA, SHE HAS [illegible] A [illegible] LIKE KAKERU.

GREY MASK

A MYSTERIOUS [illegible] IN THE [illegible] IN EVERY NIGHT. [illegible] OUTSTANDING SKILL. [illegible] IS HIS [illegible] FORM?

Character of THE KNIGHT in THE AREA

TSUTSUMI SHIGEO

FORWARD POSITION. CONSTANTLY AT LOGGERHEADS WITH KOUTA BECAUSE OF HIS CYNICISM AND SARCASM.

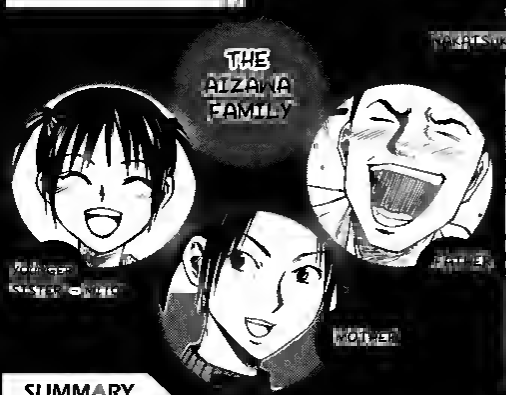
SAEKI YUUSUKE

MIDFIELDER POSITION. THE ONLY 8TH-GRADE STARTER.

KUNIMATSU HIROMI

VICE-CAPTAIN AND A FAMOUS DEFENDER WHO IS ONE OF THE TOP FIVE IN KANAGAWA.

KAMAKURA SECONDARY MIDDLE HIGH FOOTBALL CLUB



DEFENDER POSITION. HE IS EASILY SATISFIED. HIS NICKNAME IS MR. SEXUAL HARASSMENT.

SUMMARY

AIZAWA SUGURU IS THE NUMBER 10 IN JAPAN'S U-15 TEAM AND THE CAPTAIN OF THE MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL CLUB IN KAMAKURA SECONDARY SCHOOL. HAVING A BROTHER THAT HAS BEEN HAILED AS A GENIUS, SUGURU'S YOUNGER BROTHER RAKERU HAS BEEN WEAK ON HIS LEFT SIDE EVER SINCE INJURING SOMEONE. BECAUSE OF THIS, HE GAINED THE NICKNAME 'MISTER NO GOAL', AND DECIDED TO JUST BE A MANAGER. BUT SUDDENLY, HE WAS CHOSEN TO PLAY IN THE PRACTICE GAME THAT WOULD DECIDE THE STARTING PLAYERS! ALTHOUGH HE WAS INITIALLY EXCITED AT HIS ROLE AS THE LONE FORWARD, OR ONE TOP, AND HIS RESPONSIBILITY AT CONVERTING HIS BROTHER'S PASSES TO GOALS, KAKERU CANNOT OVERCOME HIS WEAKNESS AND IS EVENTUALLY SUBBED OUT. HOWEVER, THE TWO BROTHERS' CHILDHOOD FRIEND NANA REALISES THAT RAKERU, WHO EXTRACTED SUGURU'S STRONGEST PASSES FROM HIM AND MANAGED TO RECEIVE THEM, ACTUALLY HAS THE ABILITY TO BE A FORWARD.

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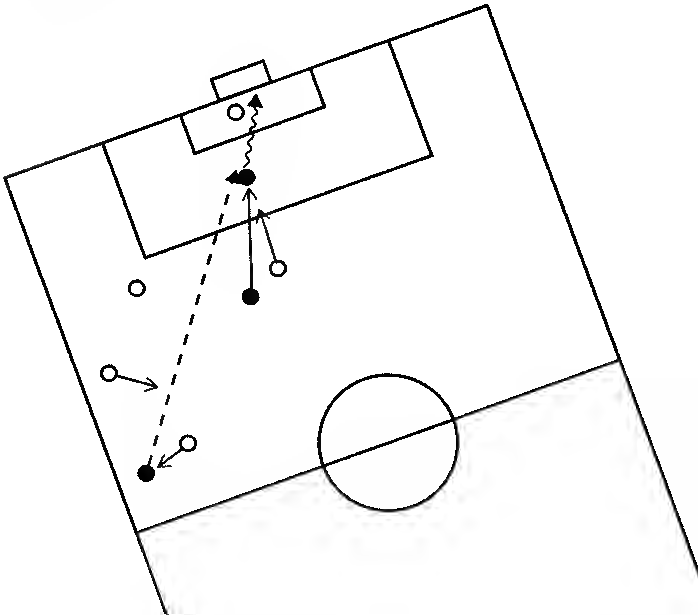


#4 CONFIDENCE

...
SEVEN.

SQUISH
ガキ
UGH-
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU KNOW A LOT ABOUT FOOTBALL, KOUTA!
TWIST
CRACK
ゴキ
ガキ
SHE ISN'T JUST SEVEN, KAKERU! JUST WHAT IS THAT WOMAN?
SHE'S DEFINITELY NOT NORMAL MAN! SHE KNOWS MORE ABOUT FOOTBALL THAN I DO!
SEVEN...
.....
AAAAAH! THAT WAS YUUSUKE JUST NOW! STOP IT, I SURRENDER!
SQUEEZE
YOU'RE JUST A MANAGER, YOU DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO SAY ANYTHING!
MY NECK, MY NECK...
EH?
SNAP
HMPH... YEAH, EXACTLY! IT'S A WONDER YOU GOT INTO THE FOOTBALL CLUB IN THE FIRST PLACE!
RI. RIGHT AWAY!
SAEKI NAKATSUKA, COME OVER FOR A MEETING
MANAGER, ORGANIZE THE DATA FROM THAT PRACTICE GAME AND BRING IT OVER
AH... CAPTAIN!
!?
WHAT ARE YOU TWO DOING?
TWITCH
ぱた
THUMP

……
CAPTAIN.
……
AND THAT'S WHY YOU'RE TELLING ME TO PUT KAKERU IN, RIGHT?
YES... SUGURU-SAN, YOU KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT TOO, RIGHT?

WASN'T HE ABLE TO RECEIVE YOUR DIFFICULT PASS AND STILL SHOOT?
WHY NOT?
NO, I CANNOT PLAY KAKERU.
EVEN WITH YOU, SUGURU-SAN, IF WE RELY ONLY ON THOSE TWO FORWARDS ...
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO HAVE A SHOT IN THE NATIONALS WITH JUST ISHIKAWA-SAN AND NISHIJIMA-KUN IN A TWO-TOP.

HE WASN'T EVEN DISCOURAGED BY CENTERBACK KUNIMATSU-KUN'S TIGHT MARKING.
HIS EYES KEPT SAYING, "PASS TO ME."
HE'S GOT DOWN ALL THE BASICS THAT A STRIKER NEEDS PERFECTLY
WHEN HE WAS RUNNING FOR THE PASS, HE GOT INTO THE DEFENDER'S BLIND SPOT, AND HE COULD OUT-FEINT THEM TOO

AND ANOTHER THING THAT SURPRISED ME...
... WAS HIS STAMINA.
.....

KAKERU'S BEEN A MANAGER THROUGH ALL OF 8TH GRADE, RIGHT?
BUT HE DIDN'T SLOW DOWN, EVEN AFTER EXTENDED PERIODS OF RUNNING.
KUNIMITSU-KUN'S LEGS EVEN CRAMPED AFTER MARKING HIM.
AND THAT'S WHY NISHIJIMA-KUN WAS ABLE TO SCORE A GOAL, RIGHT?
SFX THUMP
.....
SEV-
!
DAMN IT... HE TOLD ME TO ORGANIZE THE DATA, BUT I WAS PLAYING TOO... WHAT DATA AM I SUPPOSED TO ORGANIZE THEN?
I'LL JUST HAVE TO ASK SEVEN.
I think she was taking notes...
SLIP
SU... SUGURU...

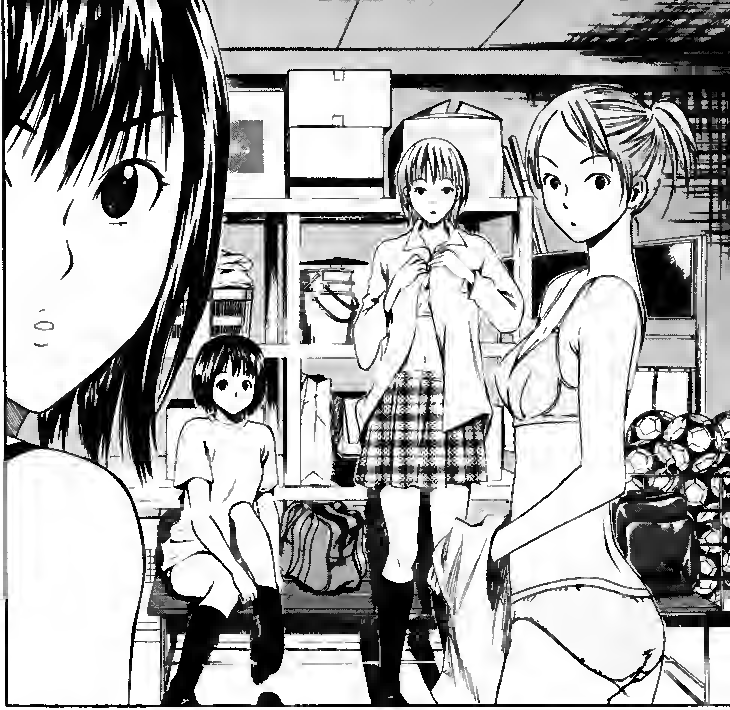
ALTHOUGH KAKERU DID SHOOT YOUR PASSES OUT WIDE,
NO ONE OTHER THAN KAKERU WOULD HAVE HAD ANY CHANCE WITH THAT PASS OF YOURS, RIGHT?
!
AND THAT IS WHY.
EH?

IN THE MOST CRUCIAL MOMENT OF THE GAME THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS TO CONNECT EVERY ACTION SMOOTHLY AND NOT LET CHANCES SLIP AWAY
IF A SHOT RIGHT IN FRONT OF THE GOAL MISSES, THE OTHER TEAMMATES WILL FEEL AS IF THE TEAM WILL NEVER SCORE NO MATTER HOW HARD THEY TRY
EXACTLY.
YOU MEAN, MORALE WILL FALL?

IF ANYONE RECEIVED THAT PASS BESIDES KAKERU, THE CHANCES OF THEM THEN SCORING WOULD BE CLOSE TO ZERO.
NO, IT'D ACTUALLY BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR THEM. THAT IS HOW THIS GAME WORKS.
.....
WHAT KAKERU FATALLY LACKS,
ISN'T SKILL, OR STAMINA.
JAB

IT'S CONFIDENCE.
IT'S THE SAME WITH HIS LEFT LEG.
SUSURU-SAN

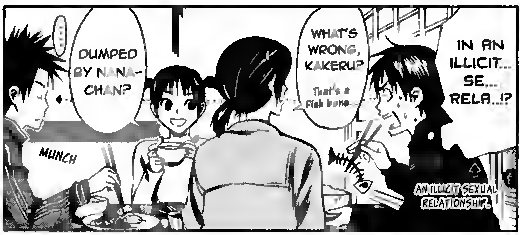
KAKERU?
DID HE HEAR US?
SUGURU-SAN EXPECTS A LOT FROM YOU! SO...
IT'S LIKE WHAT HE SAYS.
WAIT... LISTEN TO ME!
TURN
"PEOPLE WHO LACK CONFIDENCE AREN'T SUITED TO PLAY FOOTBALL", RIGHT?
IF THAT EMBARRASS-MENT HADN'T HAPPENED. THEN, PROBABLY..
DAMMIT-!
SFX SLAM



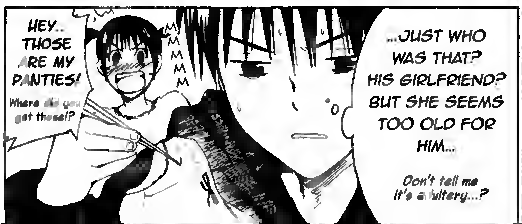
AAAAHH!
HELP ME, SEVEN!
SHUT IT!
NO... YOU'RE WRONG... THIS IS A MISUNDERSTANDING!
I wanted to change and go in too...
EEEEEEEEK!
IT'S NOT JUST KOUTA, KAKERU'S LIKE THIS TOO!
KILL HIM!
GIRLS CHANGING WITHIN DEATH AWAITS THOSE WHO ENTER!
AH-

HUH... I'M SPENT...
SUGURU!?
WHO'S THAT PRETTY LADY...?
.....

WHA-!?
SFX: GRAB


DUMPED BY NANA-CHAN?
MUNCH
WHAT'S WRONG, KAKERU?
That's a fish bone.
IN AN ILLICIT... SE... RELA...!?
AN ILLICIT SEXUAL RELATIONSHIP?

SU..... SU-SU-SU-SU-SU-SUGURU, HE'S...


HEY.. THOSE ARE MY PANTIES!
Where did you get those!?
MMMM
...JUST WHO WAS THAT? HIS GIRLFRIEND? BUT SHE SEEMS TOO OLD FOR HIM...
Don't tell me it's a sultery...?

SFX: RUSTLE
AH! TOOK YOU LONG ENOUGH!
I THOUGHT THAT YOU MIGHT BE COMING TONIGHT
EVEN THOUGH I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE,
YOU HAVE TO HELP ME PRACTICE TONIGHT, OKAY?

I REALLY WANTED TO PLAY WEARING THIS TONIGHT.
KAMAKURA
I NEVER GOT A NUMBER IN EIGHTH GRADE, SO I ALWAYS RAN AROUND WEARING THIS.

?
OH, THIS? DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

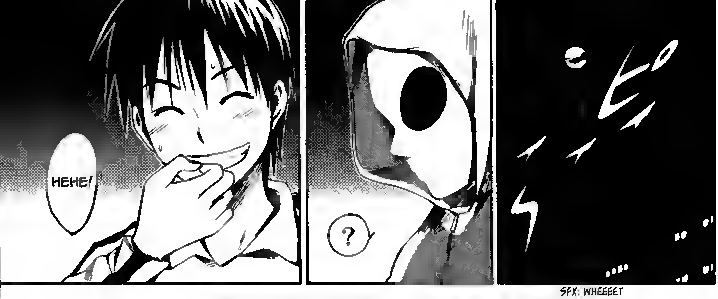
SFX: THUMP
C'MON!
LET'S BEGIN!

FOR ME, THIS NUMBERLESS UNIFORM,
IT REPRESENTS MY MIDDLE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL CAREER.

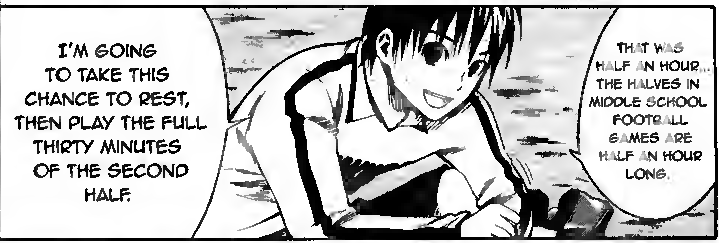
LET'S GO-!!

I'M GOING TO ENJOY THIS AS MUCH AS I CAN!!
AS MUCH AS I CAN
KA

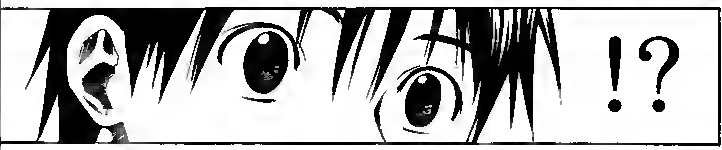
IT HITS THE SWING!
WAA A ROULETTE AGAIN!?
I WON'T LOSE!



SFX: WHEEEEET

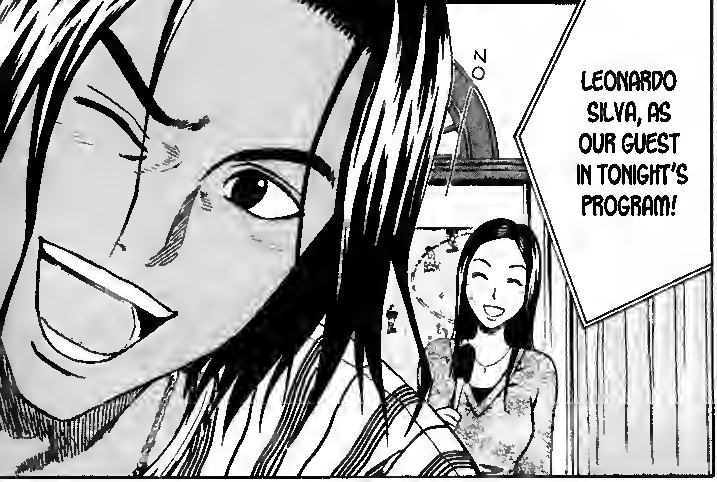

I'M GOING TO TAKE THIS CHANCE TO REST, THEN PLAY THE FULL THIRTY MINUTES OF THE SECOND HALF.
THAT WAS HALF AN HOUR... THE HALVES IN MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL GAMES ARE HALF AN HOUR LONG.

I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE, BUT YOU SEEM TO KNOW ABOUT MY WEAK LEFT SIDE.
!
.....
EVER SINCE THEN, EVERY TIME I SHOOT WITH MY LEFT LEG I GET SCARED... WELL, I GUESS IT'S JUST AN EXCUSE.
.....
BUT COULD YOU LET ME EXPLAIN MYSELF? IN PRIMARY SCHOOL, I WAS IN A PRACTICE GAME WITH MY TEAM. I USED MY LEFT LEG TO SHOOT,
AND ENDED UP CAUSING A HUGE INJURY IN A TEAMMATE. WE WERE COMPETING FOR A SPOT IN THE STARTING LINEUP.
OKAY! THIS IS A LITTLE EARLY, BUT HALF TIME IS OVER!
LET'S START THE SECOND HALF.
SFX POKE
HM?



SFX: WHUMP

IT CONF
THE WITH
REFER TO PAGE 32
WELCOME HOME, SUGU-NII!
TONIGHT I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE SOMEONE WHO PERFORMED EXTREMELY WELL IN THE U-15 JAPAN V. SOUTH AMERICA EXCHANGE CUP, SCORING ONE GOAL AND ONE ASSIST.
MM.
!
THE BRAZILIAN U-15 TEAM PLAYMAKER, WHO AT THE YOUNG AGE OF FIFTEEN IS BEING HAILED AS BRAZIL'S TREASURE-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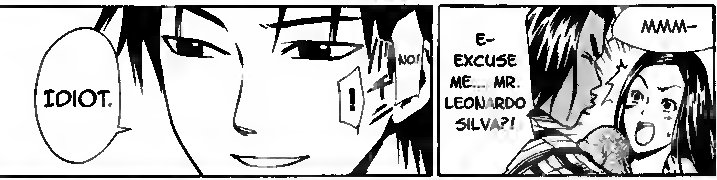
LEONARDO SILVA, AS OUR GUEST IN TONIGHT'S PROGRAM!

SFX: SLAP


IDIOT.
NO!
!
E- EXCUSE ME.... MR. LEONARDO SILVA?!
MMM-

I THINK THAT MANY STRONG EUROPEAN CLUBS WILL BE MAKING LOTS OF OFFERS TO HIM IN THE NEAR FUTURE
WHEN THAT TIME COMES, I HOPE THAT HE CHOOSES A DIFFERENT TEAM FROM MINE.
SO, ON TO OUR TOPIC. MR. SILVA, HOW DO YOU FIND AIZAWA SUGURU?
TSUNGATSUM
OW

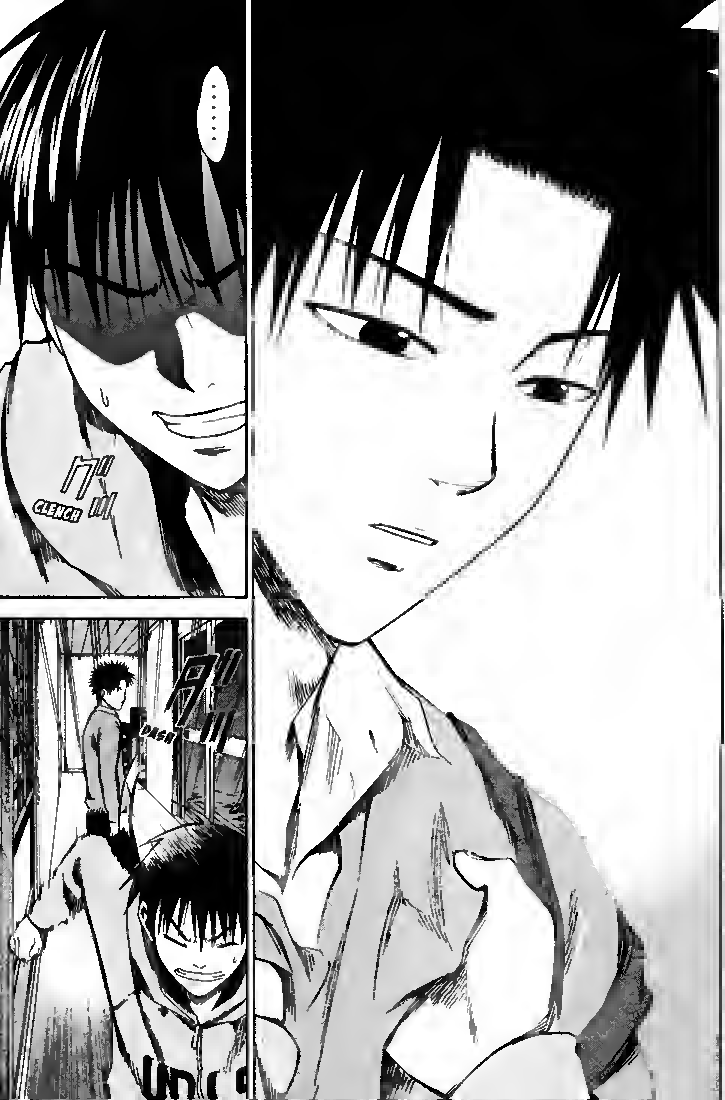
NO MATTER WHAT TEAM HE JOINS, HE'LL PROBABLY BE THE ACE OF HIS TEAM, LIKE MYSELF.
BUT ON THE PITCH, THERE CAN ONLY BE ONE KING.
HEY, I CAN'T SEE THE TV, SUGU-NII!
JAPAN'S MIDFIELD HAS MANY TALENTS LIKE SUGURU.
UNFORTUNATELY, THEY LACK A GOOD DECISIVE FORWARD.
I SEE. WHAT ABOUT JAPAN, IN THE NEAR FUTURE?
JAPAN NEEDS A FORWARD WHO CAN MAKE THE RIGHT DECISIONS IN THE PENALTY AREA.
SOMEONE WHO CAN COURAGEOUSLY RESPOND TO A KING'S ORDERS.
.....

HEY WHAT ARE YOU DOING, SUGU-NII? I'M A FAN OF HIS!
A KN-
BEEP
LLLLLLL

IT'S LATE DID YOU GO TO THE CONVENIENCE STORE AGAIN?
ST MLK

HEY, KAKERU, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
TWITCH

!
STOP PLAYING DUMB!
WHY DO YOU HAVE TO KEEP BEATING AROUND THE BUSH!?
SFX: GRAB
YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY TO ME, DON'T YOU?
SFX: GRR
THEN JUST SAY IT, OKAY?!
Huh
Hah?
Huh
Hah?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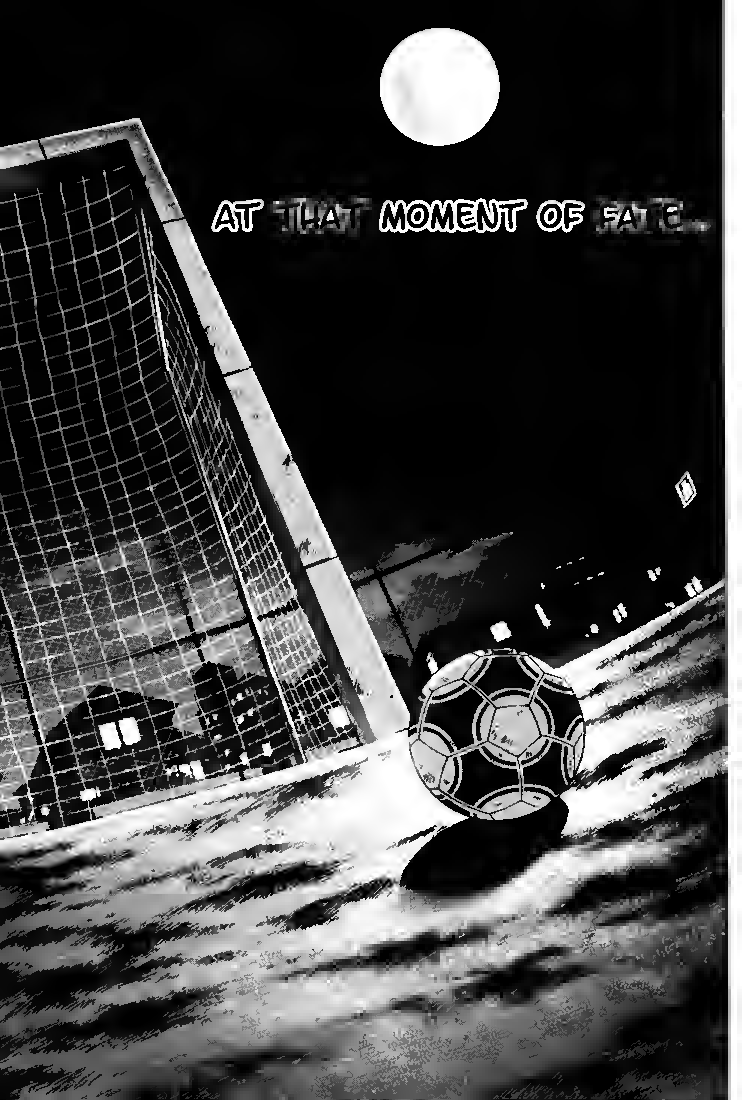
KAKERU..
I WOULD NEVER BE ABLE TO FORGET WHAT HAPPENED TONIGHT.
DAMN IT.
THE TIME DREW NEAR...
I WOULD RECEIVE MY BROTHER'S "LAST PASS"
THOUGHTS WERE FLYING THROUGH MY HEAD AS I SILENTLY IMAGINED MYSELF HITTING MY BROTHER'S FACE.


AT THAT MOMENT OF FATE...

美島 奈々
NISHIMA NANA
Birthday:8/21
Blood type:A

JUSTAM:
RSS IS AVAILABLE ON OUR HOMEPAGE NOW. AND I STILL HAVE EXAMS... BALLS.
AND KAKERU'S A BLACK MAN! [CHECK PG 87]

KOURI-CHAN:
SCHOOL IS STARTING IN 2 WEEKS. WHERE DID THE SUMMER GO?! I RECEIVE SOME OF MY EXAM RESULTS ON THE 14TH AND THE REST ON THE 21ST. WISH ME LUCK!

MATHI36:
...THESE DAMNED FLASHBACKS NEARLY DROVE ME CRAZY! I NEED SOME AWESOME COMMENTS OF YOU!!

CHIBISUKE_SCANS
TRANSLATOR: KOURI-CHAN
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TYPESETTER: PAKUI
QC : WHOLE FRENKING TEAM

KUU NEWS

DEAR FELLOW OD & ANK READERS,

I'LL CUT STRAIGHT TO THE POINT. I'M AN AIR GEAR FAN, AND I LOVE GETTING MY MQ/MQ DOSES OF AG. SADLY, I'VE BEEN DEPRIVED OF AG RELEASES FOR THE PAST 2 MONTHS BECAUSE KUU-SCANS (WHICH IS *THE* BEST SCANLATION GROUP OUT THERE FOR AIR GEAR) ARE LACKING TRANSLATORS. ACTUALLY, TO BE MORE PRECISE, THEY CURRENTLY DON'T HAVE ANY TRANSLATORS. NOT ONE SINGLE ONE.

NOW IF YOU HAVEN'T READ AIR GEAR BEFORE, IT'S A GREAT SERIES AND I HIGHLY RECOMMEND IT. IF YOU LOVE IT, AND YOU CAN READ JAPANESE OR KNOW HOW TO CLEAN, I BEG OF YOU, GO AND JOIN THEM. IT'LL KEEP THEM RELEASING, AND THAT WILL IN TURN KEEP ME SANE, WHICH FURTHER MEANS THAT YOU WON'T BE SUBJUGATED TO TOO MANY OF MY OTHER JOKE PAGE IDEAS WHICH ARE--- DISTURBING TO SAY THE LEAST. AND KNOW THAT IF YOU DON'T MAKE IT ONTO KUU'S TEAM, YOU CAN ALWAYS JOIN CHIBISUKE-SCANS.

YUP, SO IF YOU'RE INTERESTED, PLEASE VISIT THEIR SITE: WWW.KUU-SCANS.INFO AS WELL AS THEIR IRC CHANNEL. IRC.IRCHIGHWAY.NET/KUU

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#5 The Knight in the Area

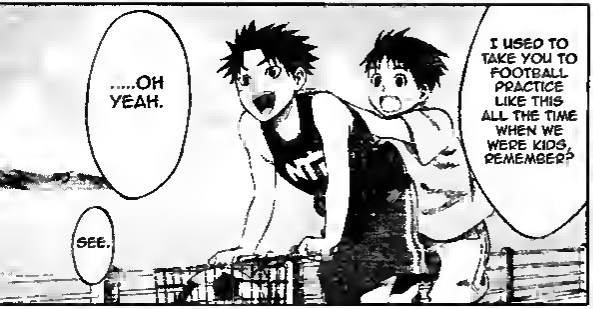
KAKERU...

.....
SUGU-NII, BREAK-FAST IS READY
SFX TWIST
AH
MORNING, MITO.

MUM, BREAK-FAST-
?
ドタ ドタ
HE LOOKS REALLY REFRESHED TODAY.
AND I WAS WORRIED BECAUSE IT LOOKED LIKE HE FOUGHT WITH KAKE-NII LAST NIGHT...
NICE WEA-THER, HUH?
SFX. PITTER PATTER
AAAAAA AAH-HHH~..
SFX. SIT
WELL
WHAT-EVER.
I MEAN, TODAY, I WAS GONNA...
SFX: RING RING
チリン チリン
IT WON'T MOVE, THE TYRE'S BURST...
LOOKS LIKE I'LL BE LATE FOR MORNING PRACTICE...

!
WHY DO YOU HAVE TO KEEP SWEARING AROUND THE BUSH?
SFX: GRAB
!
...
WHAT'S UP?
KAKERU.
SFX: SQUEAK
N, NOTHING, MY BIKE TYRE JUST BURST, THAT'S ALL.

WANT TO HITCH A RIDE?
HUH?


I USED TO TAKE YOU TO FOOTBALL PRACTICE LIKE THIS ALL THE TIME WHEN WE WERE KIDS, REMEMBER?
.....OH YEAH.
SEE.

I'M SORRY FOR YESTER-DAY
I LET MY EMOTIONS EXPLODE
...IT'S NOTHING

THIS IS A PRETTY RARE OF YOU, SUGURU...
REAL-LY?

SUGURU-SAN!
NICE, SEVEN!
!
ALL RIGHT, WE'RE CLEAR... THE PASS MISSED!

!
GREAT, KAKERU!
YEAH, YEAH!!
SUGURU!

I... WANT TO QUIT THE FOOTBALL CLUB.
!
I HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY TO YOU BEFORE WE GET THERE.
BUT I JUST WANT TO TELL YOU NOW.
I WAS GOING TO WAIT UNTIL WE FINISHED TODAY...
HM?
ME TOO, SUGURU.
...KAKERU.

I BELIEVE IT'S POINTLESS FOR ME TO BE THE MANAGER.
I'VE ONLY BEEN HALF SERIOUS, SO I MAY AS WELL QUIT ENTIRELY.
.....
..YOU'RE SET ON THIS?
YES, I AM.
IS THAT SO .
BUT I WANT YOU TO GIVE IT YOUR ALL, SUGURU.
YOU DON T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT ME ANYMORE.

I WANT YOU TO SHINE LIKE A KING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE PITCH.
GET BETTER AND BETTER, AND BECOME THE PLAY-MAKER FOR THE NATIONAL TEAM.
.....
.....
BUT KAKERU...
THE KING OF THE PITCH, HUH...
I GUESS I JUST REALLY LIKE THE WAY YOU PLAY FOOTBALL, SUGURU...
SUGU RU...
IF THE KING FIGHTS ALONE...
IT'S IMPOS-SIBLE TO WIN THE BATTLE.
JAPAN NEEDS A FORWARD WHO CAN MAKE THE RIGHT DECISIONS IN THE PENALTY AREA...

WE NEED A COURAGEOUS "KNIGHT".
A KNIGHT IN THE AREA.
IF THE PLAY-MAKER IS THE KING OF THE PITCH,
THEN THE STRIKER IS THE "KNIGHT".
I .. NO, JAPANESE FOOTBALL,
NEEDS SOMEONE WHO CAN RECEIVE A PASS IN THE PENALTY AREA, AND WRENCH OPEN THE MOUTH OF THE GOAL.

BUT I'M SURE THAT SOMEWHERE IN YOUR MIND, YOU CAN SEE YOURSELF STANDING IN THE PITCH OF A WORLD CUP STADIUM.
THERE'S ONLY ONE YEAR'S DIFFERENCE BETWEEN US,
A KNIGHT IN THE AREA...
A FORWARD WHO CAN RECEIVE THOSE MAGICAL PASSES OF YOURS, AND CONVERT THEM INTO GOALS.
A KNIGHT IN THE AREA, HUH... HE'S DEFINITELY HERE SOMEWHERE, IN JAPAN...
YOU'RE REALLY SOMETHING, SUGURU.

SFX: VROOOM

SFX: WOBBLE WOBBLE

I HAD A DREAM THIS MORNING.
HUH?
KAKERU.
A DREAM?
I'VE BEEN WOKEN UP BY SO MANY NIGHTMARES LATELY.
YEAH, A WONDERFUL DREAM.
IT'S BEEN AGES SINCE I'VE HAD SUCH A WONDERFUL...
SFX: VROOOOOM
!?
SUGURU, THE TRUCK!

AAAAAHHH!!!
A..

SFX: MURMUR MURMUR

SFX MURMUR

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SU..
SUGURU
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SU...
SUGURU..
HANG IN...
EH..?
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AAAAAHHH!!
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SUGURU,
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KAKERU!
IS THAT
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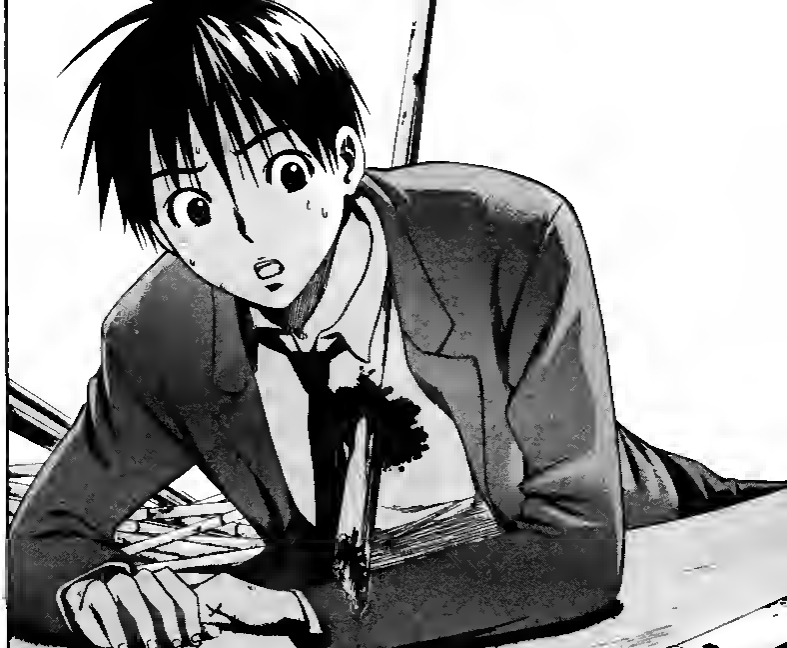

KAKERU——!!
AH.....
AAAGH
.....

MATHI36:
CELEBRATE OUR NEW EDITOR: SYLX!!!
THANKS FOR JOINING OUR TEAM!!!
AND YEAH, WE ABSOLUTELY NEED YOU ON OUR FORUMS!!!

KID.21:
CHIBI: KID , SUKEBE: 21 YEARS OLD PERVERT
CHIBISUKEBE: KID.21

JAELEE:
I'M A MONSTER, I AM DEADPOOL!

CHIBISUKE_SCANS
TRANSLATOR: KOURI-CHAN
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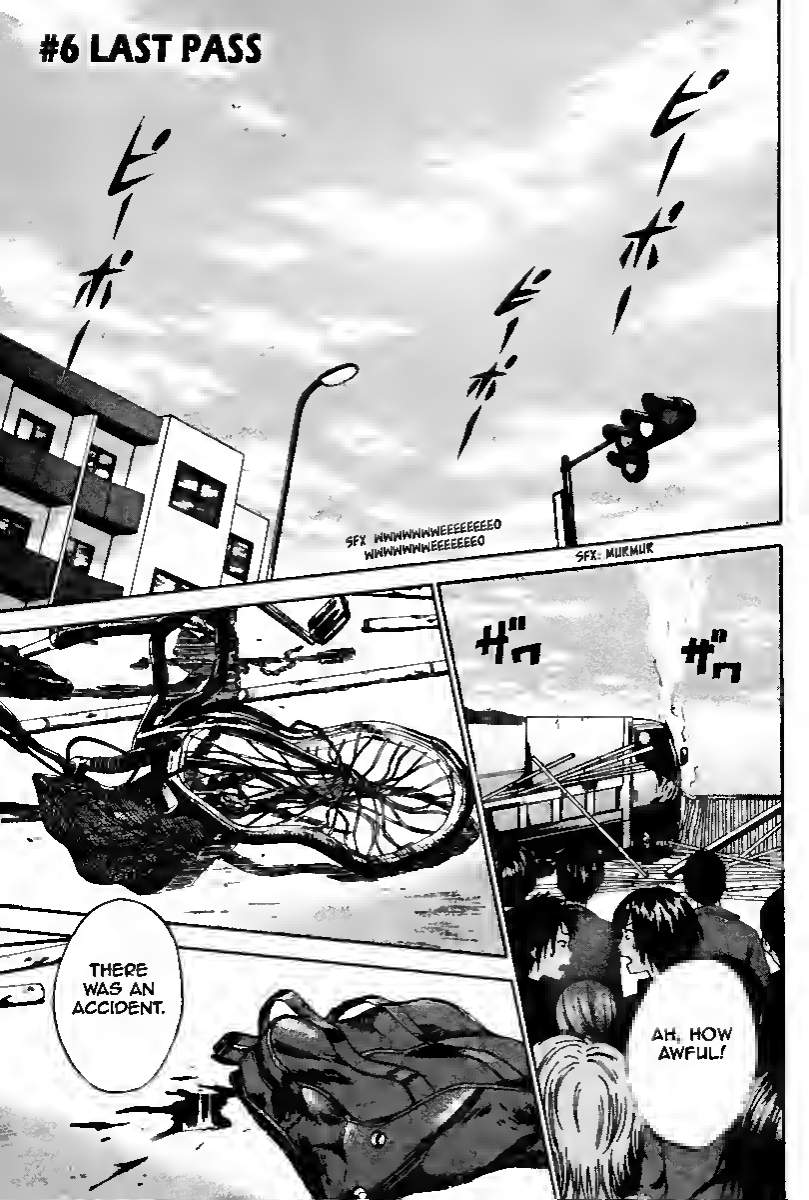
#6 LAST PASS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SFX WWWWWWWEEEEEEEEO
WWWWWWWEEEEEEEEO
SFX: MURMUR
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THERE WAS AN ACCIDENT.
AH, HOW AWFUL!

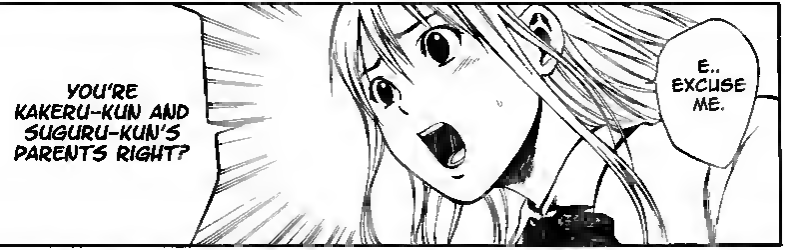
A TRUCK PLUNGED INTO THE SIDEWALK BECAUSE THE DRIVER WAS SLEEPING, I THINK.
SEEMS LIKE TWO MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS WERE INJURED. THEY WERE TRAPPED UNDER THE STEEL PIPES.
I SAW IT, THEY WERE ALL BLOODY. I THINK THEY'RE BEYOND HELP...

A 14-YEAR OLD BOY, TRAUMA FROM A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT!
SFX RATTLE RATTLE
CONSCIOUS-NESS LEVEL IS JCS100! *
* NOTE JCS = JAPAN COMA SCALE
A STEEL PIPE IS EMBEDDED IN HIS CHEST!

THIS ONE HAS A HEAVY HARMONIUM!
HURRY UP!

KAMAKURA CENTRAL
HOSPITAL

SFX: DASH DASH

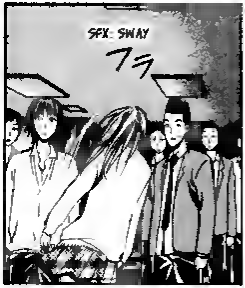


THEY'RE OKAY, RIGHT? IT'S NOTHING LIFE-THREATENING, RIGHT!? RIGHT??
DEAR COME, LET'S LOOK FOR A DOCTOR!
D. DEAR, IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO THOSE TWO, I...
DON'T WORRY, NOTHING WILL!
THEY'LL COME OUT WITH A SMILE ON THEIR FACES SOMEHOW, DEFINITELY!
SFX: GRAB

MISHIMA-SAN!

!
KUNIMATSU-SAN! NAKATSUKA-KUN! SAEKI-KUN!
Y..YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT! AND KAKERU'S NOT THE TYPE OF GUY TO..
IT'LL BE ALL RIGHT, SUSURU IS THE TREASURE OF JAPANESE FOOTBALL AFTER ALL!
HE WON'T JUST GO LIKE THIS, WILL HE?
HOW ARE THEY?
IF THEY'VE LOST TOO MUCH BLOOD, TELL THEM TO USE MINE! I'M THE SAME BLOOD TYPE AS THEM
I'M TYPE O TOO, I'LL GIVE THEM AS MUCH AS THEY NEED!
CALM DOWN, GUYS!
THEY WERE SO GOOD PEOPLE, HOW COULD THIS...

BUT... BUT... I SAW IT...
SUSURU WAS ALL BLOODY, AND HE WASN'T MOVING...


SFX: SWAY
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NANA-CHAN!!
MISHIMA-SAN!!
SFX: GRAB

KA... KAKERU, HIS...
HIS... CHEST...

OPERATING
TICK
TICK
TICK
TICK
SFX: CREAK

THEY'RE OKAY, YOU HELPED THEM, RIGHT?!
HOW ARE THEY? BOTH OF THEM...

!
D.. DOCTOR.

SIR, MADAM.
PLEASE CALM DOWN AND LISTEN TO ME.

EH?
ALTHOUGH WE TRIED OUR BEST, UNFORTU-NATELY,
THE OLDER BROTHER SUGURU, IS NOW...

BRAIN-
DEAD.

BRAIN...
BRAIN-
DEAD?
THAT
MEANS...
.....
I'M
SORRY..

BUT ESSEN-TIALLY, WE HAVE LOST HIM.

NOOOO!!!
SU... SUSU-RU...
HIS HEART IS STILL BEATING, BUT THAT IS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME.

WE BARELY MANAGED TO CONNECT HIM TO A VENTILATOR IN TIME BECAUSE HIS HEART HAD SUFFERED SERIOUS DAMAGE.
YOUR YOUNGER SON, FRANKLY SPEAKING, IS ALSO IN A DANGEROUS CONDITION.
IT IS TOO LATE NOW TO SAVE HIM WITH CONVENTIONAL TREATMENT METHODS.
....HOWEVER, THERE IS ONE WAY-
Noooo oooo!
NO... NO WAY...
TO SAVE YOUR YOUNGER SON.

I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING THROUGH THIS THICK MIST.

....WHERE AM I?

I'M ON A PITCH?

SUGURU!

KAKERU.

EH?
HERE, RECEIVE MY PASS.
WAIT FOR ME, I'M COMING...
NO! STAY WHERE YOU ARE!
PASS....?
SFX: THUMP
SFX: KICK
IT'S MY...

LAST PASS TO YOU.

JUSTAM:
"THE TRUTH IS SOMETHING ARBITRARY AND IMPOSSIBLE TO ATTAIN..." AH LOL SORRY, I'M MEMORISING A SPEECH HERE. I CRIED THIS CHAPTER. THEY'LL CONTINUE TO FLOW FOR QUITE SOME TIME TOO.

KOURI:
IF YOU THINK THIS CHAPTER WAS HEARTBREAKING, JUST YOU WAIT!

MATHI36:
SNIFF...
JAELEE'S STILL A DEADPOOL!!

CHIBISUKE_SCANS
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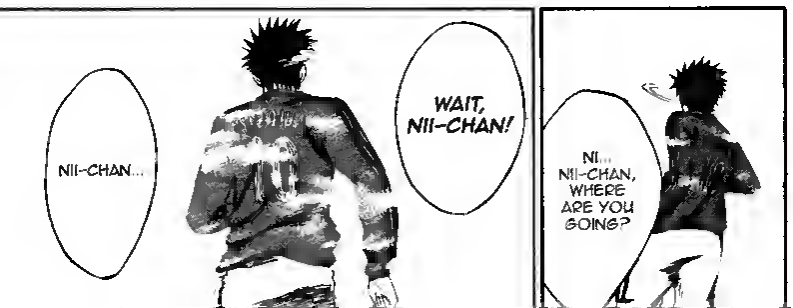
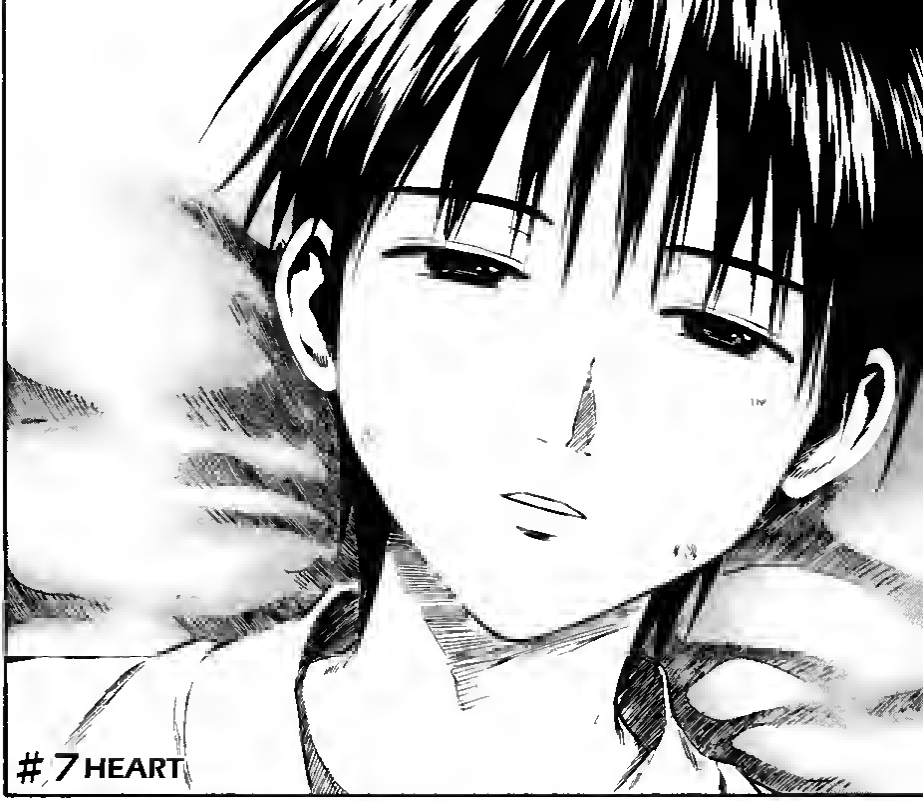
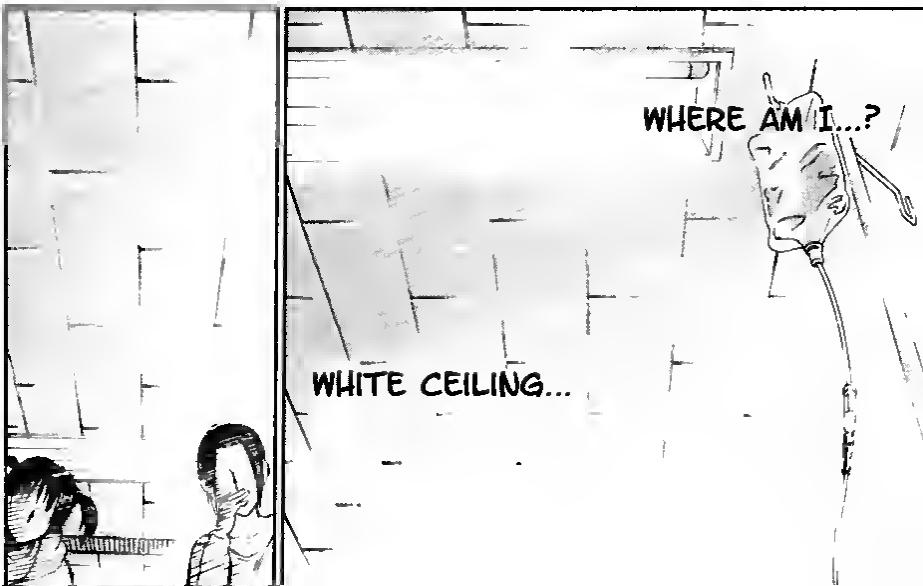
IT'S MY

LAST PASS TO YOU.


NII-CHAN...
WAIT, NII-CHAN!
NI... NII-CHAN, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?


#7 HEART


WHERE AM I...?
WHITE CEILING...

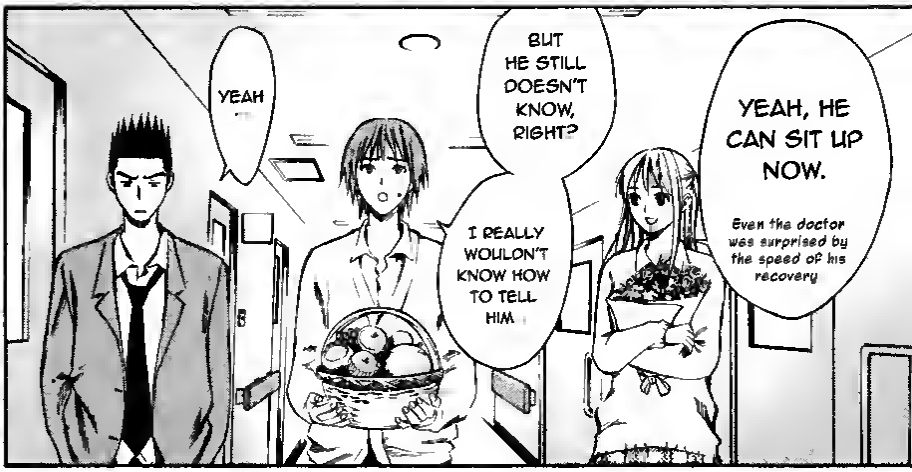
MITO...
MUM...
WHAT'S WRONG? WHY ARE YOU CRYING?
IT'S NO GOOD...
I CAN'T REMEMBER...
I...
I FEEL SLUGGISH...
I WANT TO SLEEP...

NANA-CHAN!
AUNTIE, MITO-CHAN.
WELL, KAKERU, HE...
HE'S WOKEN UP.
R.. REALLY?
YEAH, DON'T WORRY, SEVEN-NEECHAN
IT LOOKS LIKE THE OPERATION WAS A SUCCESS.
I'M SO RELIEVED ...
IF KAKE-NII DIED TOO, I...
GRAB
MITO-CHAN!
I'LL GO CALL MY HUSBAND. NANA-CHAN, YOU SHOULD GO IN AND SEE HIM
HE'S STILL SLEEPING, BUT YOU CAN SEE HIS FACE...
OKAY.
CLICK
KAKERU!

ARE YOU A FRIEND FROM SCHOOL?
UM.. AH.. YES, I'M THE MANAGER OF THE FOOTBALL CLUB.
MY NAME IS MISHIMA.
I SEE
YOU KNOW... HE REACTED TO THE SOUND OF YOUR VOICE.
HIS HEARTBEAT BECAME STRONGER...
KAKERU!
MISHIMA-SAN.
AH ...
EH?

WHY DO YOU THINK HE REACTED TO YOU?
WHAT'S WITH THAT PERSON?
MY APOLOGIES, THAT WAS A STRANGE QUESTION WELL, I'LL BE COMING AGAIN
HUH?
I'M SO GLAD... REALLY...
KAKERU...

TEN DAYS LATER.
WELL, KAKERU'S PROBABLY OKAY NOW.

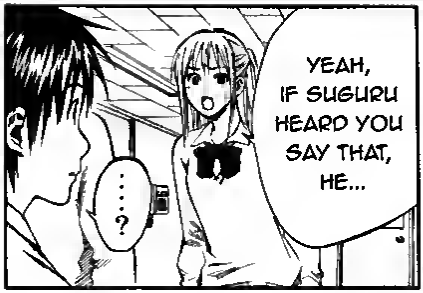

YEAH, HE CAN SIT UP NOW.
Even the doctor was surprised by the speed of his recovery
BUT HE STILL DOESN'T KNOW, RIGHT?
I REALLY WOULDN'T KNOW HOW TO TELL HIM.
YEAH

IT'S SEVEN.
I'M COMING IN, KAKERU.
CREAK
AHH---!
NO, WAI-
EEEEEEEEEEK!
SORRY!!!
YOU WANT TO SHOW HER THAT TOO?
WHAT TIMING, I'M JEALOUS-

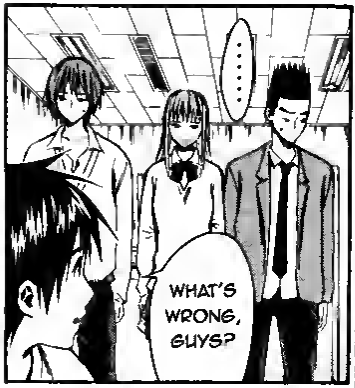
WHA-!
THIS GIRL LOOKS A LITTLE LIKE NANA-CHAN
HERE, TAKE MY GET-WELL GIFT! PORNO MAGS!
Use them well
YOU LOOKED SO LIFELESS BEFORE, BUT NOW YOU'RE ALL ENERGETIC.
...I'M SURPRISED.
DOCTOR, AN EMERGENCY!
CONFU-CATED!
DANGLE
SAUUU
STUCK IN THE WALL
SFX: THUD
I CAN'T MOVE AROUND YET, BUT I CAN SIT UP LIKE THIS.
I DIDN'T HAVE ANY OTHER INJURIES.
SEEMS LIKE THE ONLY THING THEY DID WAS AN OPERATION ON MY HEART.
...DIDN'T MY BROTHER TELL YOU, YUUSUKE?
HUH?
THE CLUB IS IN A MESS RIGHT NOW, SO WE NEED YOU AS A FORWARD, AND NOT A MANAGER...
OH YEAH, GET WELL SOON SO YOU CAN COME BACK TO THE CLUB!
UGH... OW...
ARE... ARE YOU OKAY?
DON'T FORCE YOURSELF, IDIOT!

WHAAAAAAAAAT!?

I...
QUIT THE FOOTBALL CLUB.


YEAH, IF SUGURU HEARD YOU SAY THAT, HE...
.....?

WA... HEY, WAIT A MINUTE, KAKERU!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!?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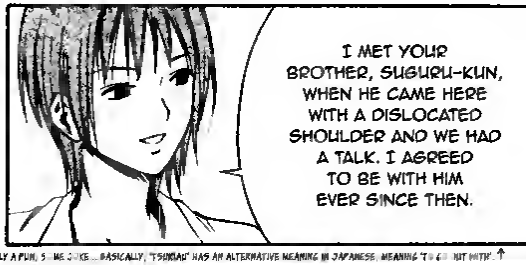
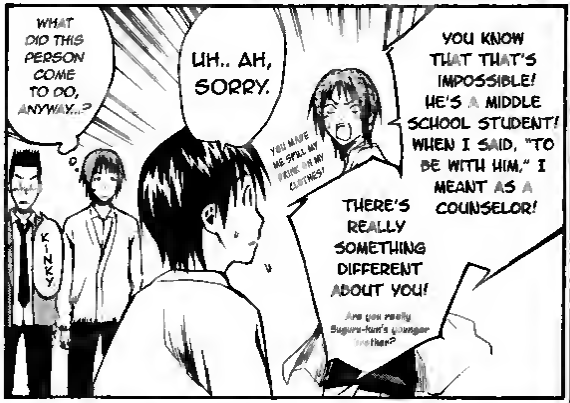
WHAT'S WRONG, GUYS?

I ALREADY TOLD HIM.
OH YEAH, WHERE IS HE HOSPITALIZED? HE'S NOT HERE, RIGHT?
I SHOULD PROBABLY TELL HIM AGAIN TO CLARIFY...

I'LL TELL YOU ABOUT YOUR BROTHER.
YOU'RE FROM THE OTHER DAY...
WHAAAAAAAAT!?
AH! THIS... THIS IS THE PERSON WHO EMBRACED MY BROTHER IN FRONT OF OUR HOUSE THE OTHER DAY!
REALIZATION
JOB?
AH, THAT WAS JUST A HUG. IT'S PART OF MY JOB.
Kids are so firing.


I MET YOUR BROTHER, SUGURU-KUN, WHEN HE CAME HERE WITH A DISLOCATED SHOULDER AND WE HAD A TALK. I AGREED TO BE WITH HIM EVER SINCE THEN.

T/N: THIS IS A PUN - WELL NOT REALLY A PUN, S... ME JOKE... BASICALLY, "TSUKIAU" HAS AN ALTERNATIVE MEANING IN JAPANESE, MEANING "TO GET HIT WITH". ↑


WHAT DID THIS PERSON COME TO DO, ANYWAY...?
UH.. AH, SORRY.
YOU KNOW THAT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! HE'S A MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT! WHEN I SAID, "TO BE WITH HIM," I MEANT AS A COUNSELOR!
YOU HAVE ME SPELL MY FEELINGS IN MY CLOTHES?
THERE'S REALLY SOMETHING DIFFERENT ABOUT YOU!
Are you really Suguru-kun's younger brother?
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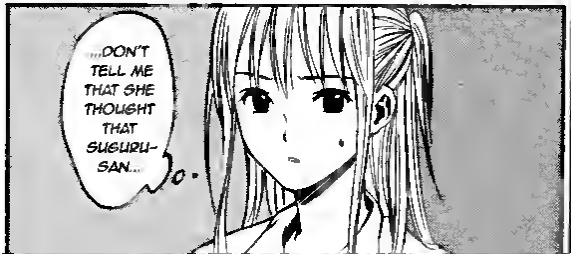

Y.. YEAH, WHAT IS IT?
KAKERU-KUN.
CLENCH
CAN YOU STAY CALM AND LISTEN TO WHAT I SAY TO SAY?
B.. BUT..
WE WON'T SOLVE ANYTHING IF WE KEEP PUTTING IT OFF, MISHIMA-SAN.
MINE-SAN, IT'S TOO SOON...
UM.. WHAT IS IT THAT YOU HAVE TO SAY?
DON'T WORRY, I SPOKE WITH KAKERU'S PARENTS EARLIER, AND THEY REQUESTED THAT I TELL HIM INSTEAD OF THEM.
I AM A PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR, AFTER ALL.
IT'S ABOUT YOUR BROTHER
ABOUT NII-CHAN ?

THAT'S RIGHT. YOUR OLDER BROTHER, SUGURU -KUN..
PASSED AWAY IN THE ACCIDENT.

....YOU'RE KIDDING
C'MON, IT'S JUST A JOKE, RIGHT?
PLEASE GATHER YOURSELF.
YOUR BROTHER IS ALREADY GONE.
YOU WERE BOTH HIT BY A TRUCK IN THE ACCIDENT.
AH!
PUSH
GET OFF ME!
CALM DOWN, DON'T GET AGITATED!
UGH ...
KAKERU... IT'S NOT A JOKE
IT'S THE TRUTH.
SEVEN! KOUTA! YUUSUKE! THIS ISN'T FUNNY!
STOP IT!

UNCLE AND AUNTIE ONLY KEPT QUIET ABOUT IT BECAUSE OF YOUR INJURIES...
.....
YOU'RE LYING ...
THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING ...
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
CALM DOWN, KAKERU!
IF YOU GET TOO WORKED UP, YOUR WOUNDS WILL OPEN!

YOU'RE LYING, YOU'RE LYING.
SFX: RIP
IT'S MINE, CALL AIZAWA KAKERU'S PARENTS-
YOU, RE LYING !!!

……
!?
……
LOOK AT YOU, THRASHING AROUND!
DON'T YOU KNOW THAT YOU'RE RUINING THE LIFE THAT YOUR BROTHER GAVE YOU?

HUH?
……?
KAKERU!
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SFX: CREAK
I'M SO SORRY, KAKERU.
HUG
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D.. DAD... MUM ...
I JUST COULDN'T SAY IT... THAT'S WHY I ASKED MINE-SENSEI TO...

I'M SO SORRY... IF THE NEWS HAD COME OUT OF OUR MOUTHS, THEN...
MUM... NII-CHAN...
IS HE REALLY...
DEAD?
SFX AHH
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AAAAAAAHHHHHH!
WWWWAAAAAAAAAA

I'M SORRY, MINE-SENSEI
I PLACED A RATHER UNREASONABLE REQUEST ON YOU.
NO, NOT AT ALL.
CAN WE STEP OUTSIDE FOR A MOMENT, SIR?
CONCERNING THAT ISSUE...
IT LOOKS LIKE IT WOULD BE BETTER TO TELL HIM LATER AFTER ALL.
I SEE
FURTHERMORE, I HAVE TO ADMIT THAT I DON'T KNOW HOW HE WILL REACT TO THIS NEWS.
OF COURSE, IT COULD HAVE A POSITIVE IMPACT, BUT WE MUST CONSIDER THE WORST CASE SCENARIO TOO... HE COULD END UP MENTALLY SCARRED.
THAT'S RIGHT.

AT ANY RATE, HE HAD A LOT OF RESPECT FOR HIS BROTHER,
AND HE ONLY SURVIVED BECAUSE HE RECEIVED SUGURU'S HEART AS A TRANSPLANT.

EH?
SU... SUGURU-SAN'S HEART WAS TRANSPLANTED...!?
IS THAT...
IS THAT TRUE!?

エロの騎士

MATHI36:
SADLY I HAVE TO ANNOUNCE THAT OUR PREVIOUS OVERDRIVE TRANSLATOR LEFT US DUE TO REAL LIFE.
THANK YOU CYLPH FOR ALL THE WORK YOU'VE DONE FOR OUR GROUP!

ALSO, ENJOY THE LATEST CHAPTER OF ANK BY CHIBISUKE-SCANS!

CHIBISUKE_SCANS
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A SEASON HAD PASSED
AND SO

THE KNIGHT IN THE AREA
エリアの騎士

#8 AIZAWA SUGURU'S SOUL
TOUR DE...
FRANCE!
YAWN
SEE-SAW
SEE-SAW
OOOOHHHH
WARRRR
WARRRR
KEEP GOING, MA'AM!

YOU'VE RECOVERED QUITE WELL, KAKERU-KUN.
By the way, what's with your outfit?
YEAH MINE-SAN!! I'M IN BETTER SHAPE THAN I WAS BEFORE THE ACCIDENT!
Okay next up is the treadmill!
I'LL BE FINE!
I DON'T FEEL LIKE I CAN RELAX IF I STOP MOVING
HEHE!
HEY, YOU'RE LEAVING THE HOSPITAL TOMORROW, SO DON'T WORK TOO HARD.
SEE?
IN THE PAST THREE MONTHS, I'VE NOTICED THAT NOT ONLY HAS HIS BODY COMPLETELY RECOVERED, BUT HIS MENTAL CONDITION HAS STABILISED AS WELL.
NO COMPLICATIONS HAVE ARISEN FROM THE HEART TRANSPLANT EITHER...
PLOD
HEY MINE-KUN, HOW'S KAKERU-KUN'S RECOVERY BEEN?
AH, IT'S BEEN PROGRESSING REALLY WELL

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING THOUGH...
IS THAT HE APPEARS TO HAVE ACCEPTED HIS BROTHER'S DEATH.
IN ANY CASE, THIS MEANS WE CAN MINIMISE THE AMOUNT OF MEDICATION HE RECEIVES FOR REDUCING THE EFFECTS OF THE TRANSPLANT.
HOWEVER, THE TRUTH ABOUT HIS HEART TRANSPLANT CAN'T BE HIDDEN FROM HIM FOREVER.
IT'S QUITE ASTONISHING THAT HIS HEART'S BEEN SO READILY ACCEPTED.
EVEN WITH SIBLINGS, CASES WHERE NO COMPLICATIONS ARISE ARE RARE.
WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO TELL HIM?
BY RECEIVING HIS BROTHER'S HEART, NOT ONLY HAS KAKERU'S LIFE BEEN SAVED,
BUT THERE'S ANOTHER THING WE HAVE TO TELL HIM AS WELL.
YES. HE DEFINITELY NEEDS TO BE TOLD ABOUT THE TRANS-PLANT

AIZAWA SUGURU WAS HAILED AS THE TREASURE OF JAPANESE FOOTBALL, AND KAKERU WILL HAVE TO CONTINUE HIS LEGACY.
BUT HE HAS INHERITED SUGURU'S SOUL.
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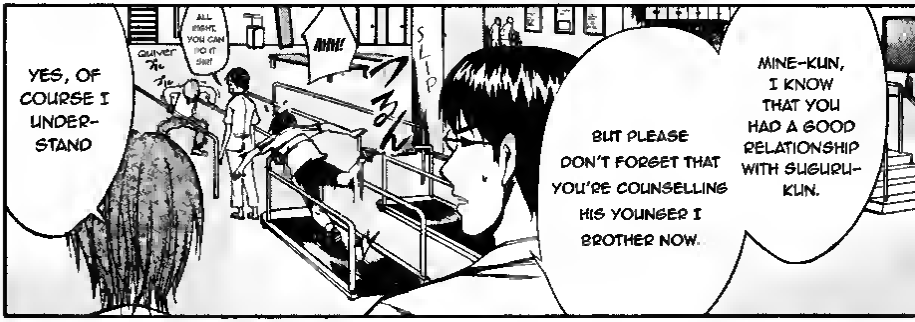
YES, OF COURSE I UNDER-STAND
ALL RIGHT, YOU CAN GO IT SHIT
SLIP
BUT PLEASE DON'T FORGET THAT YOU'RE COUNSELLING HIS YOUNGER BROTHER NOW.
MINE-KUN, I KNOW THAT YOU HAD A GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH SUGURU-KUN.

SFX SLAP
EEEEEEEEEEK!
OOF!!
WHUMP
AAAAAHH!!
THAIABKS!
OWF!

E-EVERYONE, I'M SORRY TO HAVE MADE YOU ALL WORRY,
BUT I'M FULLY RECOVERED NOW!
LET'S GO-!
CONGRATULATIONS ON GETTING DISCHARGED!
HUH!?
1, 2, 3-! HEAVE! HEAVE!
IT'S GREAT TO HAVE YOU BACK, KAKERU-KUN!
GUYS...
MOVED TO TEARS
G...
CONGRATULATIONS, KAKERU!
SFX: BAM!
HEY, KAKERU
H.. HEY, DON'T OVERDO IT! AIZAWA'S JUST RECOVERED ...
EEEEEK! KAKERU!

SO KAKERU, ARE YOU REALLY QUITTING THE FOOTBALL CLUB?
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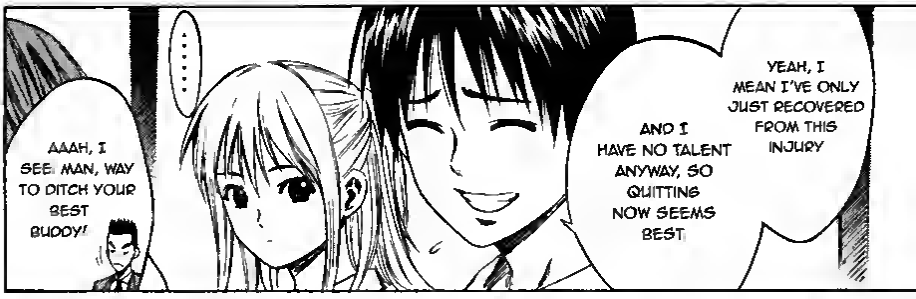
GEEZ, YOU GUYS ALMOST GOT ME HOSPITALIZED AGAIN!
AH, I'M REALLY SORRY... I GUESS WE GOT A BIT TOO EXCITED


.....
AAAH, I SEE. MAN, WAY TO DITCH YOUR BEST BUDDY!
AND I HAVE NO TALENT ANYWAY, SO QUITTING NOW SEEMS BEST.
YEAH, I MEAN I'VE ONLY JUST RECOVERED FROM THIS INJURY

ARE YOU SURE KAKERU?
I'M AFRAID SO, KUNIMATSU-SAN.
FOOTBALL CLUB
SIGN ACCEPTING NEW MEMBERS

I UNDERSTAND. YOU MUST HAVE PUT A LOT OF THOUGHT INTO MAKING THIS DECISION.
WELL, I'LL KEEP THIS WITHDRAWAL NOTICE WITH ME FOR NOW.
OKAY.
BUT KAKERU, PLEASE REMEMBER THIS ONE THING.
YOUR BROTHER WOULD HAVE BEEN THE SAVIOUR OF THE JAPANESE FOOTBALL.
DON'T EVER FORGET THAT.
SFX SWEEP
YOU CAN COME BACK ANYTIME... KAKERU!
BOW
...

BUT YOU SHALL PLAY AS A FORWARD.
AND WHEN THAT TIME COMES, YOU WILL NOT BE OUR MANAGER,
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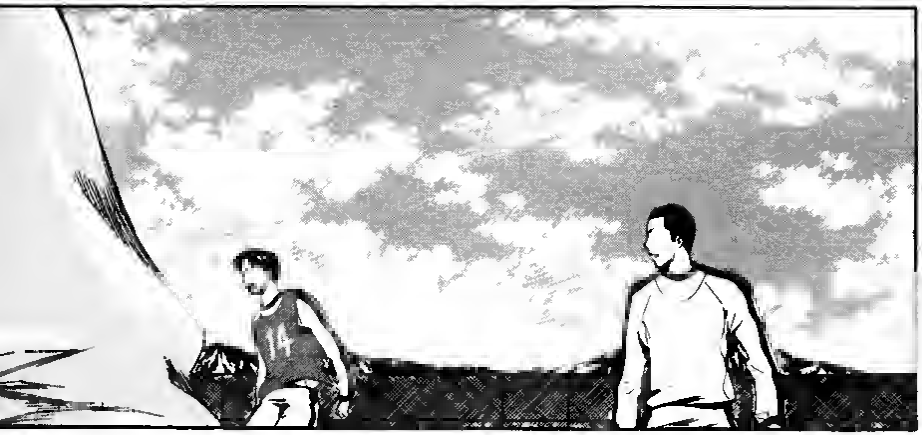
BOW
...
...
WHOA
WOW

THE DEFENCE NEEDS MORE WORK!



KAKERU.

HERE YOU GO

BOING
BOING

I SEE...
HE SAID HE'D KEEP IT WITH HIM FOR THE TIME BEING
DID KUNIMATSU-SAN ACCEPT YOUR WITHDRAWAL NOTICE?
I CAN'T ACCEPT THE FACT THAT AIZAWA SUSURU'S YOUNGER BROTHER IS NOT GOING TO PLAY FOOTBALL!
THAT'S JUST... WRONG.
WAIT KAKERU! I CAN'T ACCEPT THIS!
SEE YOU
MISHIMA-SAN HAS TOLD ME THAT YOUR FITNESS LEVELS ARE BACK, AND YOU CAN TECHNICALLY WITHSTAND VIGOROUS EXERCISE, RIGHT?
.....
IT MAY BE A BIT TOO SOON NOW, BUT YOU CAN STILL PLAY IN THE SUMMER.
OR IN THE NATIONALS... EVEN AFTER THAT, YOU COULD MAKE IT INTO THE TAKAMADONOMIYA OR NIKE CUPS.
SPARE ME ALL THIS, YUUSUKE.

KAKERU
TRUDGE
THUMP
ROLL
BAM
KICK
YOU'RE JUST RUNNING AWAY!!
FORGET IT. I UNDERSTAND
RETURN THE BALL TO ME.
YOU ONLY KNOW HOW TO RUN AWAY.
!

.....
I'M NOT RUNNING AWAY.
KICK
IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK...
I'M...
EH?
I COULDN'T MOVE.
HOW WAS IT, SAEKI-KUN? IS KAKERU REALLY QUITTING-
KAKERU?
ROLL
ROLL

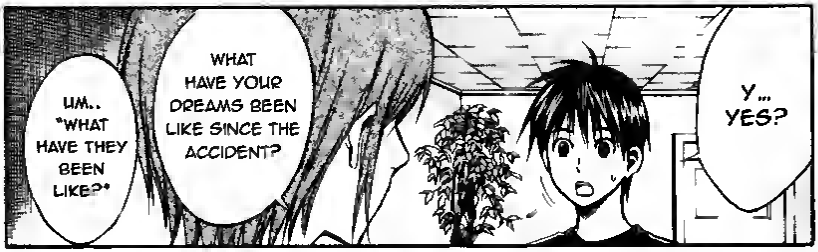
I WAS GOING TO GO AND GET THE BALL
BUT IT FELT LIKE SOMETHING WOULD HAPPEN IF I MOVED ANY CLOSER TO HIM.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING YUUSUKE?
You're chatting with girls again!
AH, SORRY!
THAT'S RIGHT...
IT WAS JUST LIKE LAST TIME WHEN I PLAYED AGAINST SUGURU-SAN...
HUH... LOOKS LIKE I'VE BEEN CURSED TOO!
.....

カウンセリング室
COUNSELING ROOM
THE RESULTS FROM YOUR PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTS ARE ENCOURAGING.
SIGN: KAMAKURA CENTRAL HOSPITAL
SUSURU-KUN WAS A SENSITIVE YOUNG MAN.
EH?
I WAS WORRIED THAT THE TRAUMA FROM THE ACCIDENT, COUPLED WITH THE STRESS FROM YOUR OPERATION WOULD LEAD TO PTSD.
WELL, I'M KIND OF THICK, SO MAYBE THAT'S WHY...
BUT IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THERE WILL BE ANY PROBLEMS NOW.
PTSD = POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER.
HE ALWAYS FELT RESTRICTED UNDER THE PRESSURE.
THAT'S WHY WHEN HE WAS HOSPITALISED ONCE FOR HIS INJURIES,
HE APPROACHED ME FOR COUNSELLING.

NO WAY... NII-CHAN WAS ALWAYS SO CALM, EVEN ON THE BIG STAGE.
THAT WAS JUST FOR APPEA-RANCE'S SAKE.
NOT TO MENTION THE FACT THAT AS THE ACE OF THE U-15 TEAM,
HE HAD ALL THE EYES OF JAPAN WATCHING HIM AS HE PLAYED.
WHAT COULD POSSIBLY WORRY THE ONE AND ONLY AIZAWA SUGURU?
WHAT THE HELL DO YOU KNOW, WHEN ALL YOU EVER DO IS RUN AWAY?!

IT'S POSSIBLE HE HAD A PREMONITION OF HIS DEATH.
YOU KNOW, HE HAD A LOT OF NIGHTMARES BEFORE THE ACCIDENT.
EH?
FOR EXAMPLE, HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE F1 DRIVER AYRTON SENNA, WHO WAS ONCE HAILED AS A GENIUS?
YEAH, I RECOGNISE THE NAME. HE WAS A CHAMPION IN THE PAST AND DIED IN A RACING ACCIDENT, RIGHT?
SOME TOP-LEVEL ATHLETES HAVE A SIXTH SENSE, JUST LIKE ANIMALS.
W.. WHAT, HOW...?
"I DON'T WANT TO GET IN."
MAYBE SUGURU-KUN'S NIGHTMARES CONTAINED SUCH PREMO-NITIONS TOO.
THAT MORNING, JUST BEFORE HE STEPPED INTO HIS CAR, HE SAID FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER –

KAKERU-KUN?
IT'S MY LAST PASS TO YOU.
KAKERU... RECEIVE MY PASS.


UM.. "WHAT HAVE THEY BEEN LIKE?"
WHAT HAVE YOUR DREAMS BEEN LIKE SINCE THE ACCIDENT?
Y... YES?

I SEE
PLOP
N... NO! MY DREAMS HAVEN'T CHANGED AT ALL!
DID YOU HAVE ANY DREAMS THAT ONLY OCCURRED UNTIL AFTER THE ACCIDENT?
LET'S SAY,

WELL, THERE'S NO NEED TO COME TO THE REHABILITATION CENTER ANY MORE. JUST CONTINUE EXERCISING.
AH... OKAY. WHAT SHOULD I DO?
YOU COULD, FOR EXAMPLE
PLAY FOOTBALL.
!?
N... NO, THAT'S...
YOU WERE PART OF A FOOTBALL CLUB RIGHT? WHILE AGGRESSIVE CONTACT IS PROBABLY STILL TOO DANGEROUS,
YOU COULD CONTINUE TO PRACTISE BY YOURSELF, JUST LIKE YOU DID BEFORE THE ACCIDENT
ALL RIGHT...
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
NO PROBLEM.
DOW
SO, WAS WHAT I SAID SATISFAC-TORY?
!
....

YES, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
AJAY

NOW HE'LL SHOW UP THERE...
FOR SURE.
.....

KUNIMATSU-SAN, JUST WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO RETIRE? IT'S ALREADY FEBRUARY, YOU KNOW
DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE GOING TO STAY HERE UNTIL YOUR GRADUATION CEREMONY

OOWWWWW-!!
I GOT IT,
DIDN'T I?
DAMN IT
SHUT
UP!

WE'RE STILL RECRUITING PEOPLE FOR OUR TEAM. IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN JOINING US TO HELP WITH AREA NO KISHI, OVER DRIVE AND REAL DON'T HESITATE TO CONTACT ME (MATHI36@CHIBISUKE-SCANS.COM).

MATHI36:
A REAL FRIEND, CO-FOUNDER OF CHIBISUKE-SCANS, TALENTED EDITOR AND ART GENIUS...WE MISS YOU KID.2!!!!!

JUSTAM:
WHOO! I'VE GOT AN INTERVIEW FOR A MED COURSE!

GE4CE:
PERFECTION IN LIMITLESSNESS? >_>

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KUU NEWS

DEAR FELLOW OD & ANK READERS,

I'LL CUT STRAIGHT TO THE POINT. I'M AN AIR GEAR FAN, AND I LOVE GETTING MY MQ/MQ DOSES OF AG. SADLY, I'VE BEEN DEPRIVED OF AG RELEASES FOR THE PAST 2 MONTHS BECAUSE KUU-SCANS (WHICH IS *THE* BEST SCANLATION GROUP OUT THERE FOR AIR GEAR) ARE LACKING TRANSLATORS. ACTUALLY, TO BE MORE PRECISE, THEY CURRENTLY DON'T HAVE ANY TRANSLATORS. NOT ONE SINGLE ONE.

NOW IF YOU HAVEN'T READ AIR GEAR BEFORE, IT'S A GREAT SERIES AND I HIGHLY RECOMMEND IT. IF YOU LOVE IT, AND YOU CAN READ JAPANESE OR KNOW HOW TO CLEAN, I BEG OF YOU, GO AND JOIN THEM. IT'LL KEEP THEM RELEASING, AND THAT WILL IN TURN KEEP ME SANE, WHICH FURTHER MEANS THAT YOU WON'T BE SUBJUGATED TO TOO MANY OF MY OTHER JOKE PAGE IDEAS WHICH ARE--- DISTURBING TO SAY THE LEAST. AND KNOW THAT IF YOU DON'T MAKE IT ONTO KUU'S TEAM, YOU CAN ALWAYS JOIN CHIBISUKE-SCANS.

YUP, SO IF YOU'RE INTERESTED, PLEASE VISIT THEIR SITE: WWW.KUU-SCANS.INFO AS WELL AS THEIR IRC CHANNEL. IRC.IRCHIGHWAY.NET/KUU

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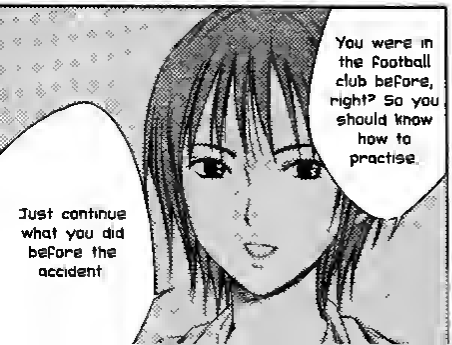
#9 Grey Mask's True Form

I'M HOME AND I HAVE SOME SUSHI FROM THE RESTAURANT! WHEE- HIC!
NO, NO, MICRO-WAVE IT!
IT'S ALL RIGHT, IT'S BEEF.
THE MIDDLE LAYER OF THE HAM-BURGER IS ALL GROSS!


You were in the football club before, right? So you should know how to practise.
Just continue what you did before the accident

AH... YES, THANKS.
SEEMS LIKE YOU HAVEN'T HAD A LOT TO EAT YET, SO WANT SOME SUSHI?
AH, DAD. WELCOME HOME.
SUSHI...
THIS IS A GIFT FROM YOUR FATHER
HUH-
NO WAY, YOU'VE HAD TOO MUCH ALREADY
AND GIVE ME ONE MORE GLASS OF BEER
OKAY
HERE ARE THE LEFT-OVERS, DEAR.
NO WAY DRINK SOME COFFEE, IT'LL WAKE YOU UP.
DEAR, I... WANT... BEER!!
MUUM~ MICROWAVE THIS FOR ME!

HUH... I CAME HERE IN THE END.
WELL... I WON'T GET SENTIMENTAL; IT'S ONLY FOR REHABILITATION.

WHY DID YOU HAVE TO BEAT AROUND THE BUSH...
THAT WAS... NII-CHAN, RIGHT?

WHOO...

SFX: WHAM

DAMN IT!

NII-CHAN...
YOU HAD SOMETHING TO SAY TO ME, DIDN'T YOU...

SFX: WHUMP
HUH?!
WHA?!
YOU... YOU'RE...
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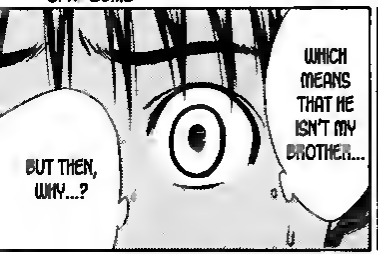
SFX: COME


BUT THEN, WHY...?
WHICH MEANS THAT HE ISN'T MY BROTHER...

IT CAN'T BE... NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, NO ONE ELSE KNOWS THAT I PLAY FOOTBALL HERE WITH GREY MASK ANYWAY.
WHAT... WHAT THE HECK'S GOING ON... IS THIS A FAKE?

...WHO ARE YOU?!
SFX: ANGER

SFX: COME, COME

IT'S CONFID
S THE
E WITH
LEFT
EG.

WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH ME?!
HOLD IT! IF YOU AREN'T MY BROTHER, THEN WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?!
SFX: DASH
!
DAMN, DOES HE TAKE ME AS AN IDIOT?!
SFX: WHOOOOOOOOOOSH

IT'S THE GUY FROM THAT TIME!
IT'S UNMISTAKABLE! THIS WHIRLWIND-LIKE DRIBBLE...
UGH!
SFX: THUMP
SFX: CRUNCH
!
YOU BASTARD! SHOW YOURSELF!!
SFX: SHUDDER
SFX: KICK
SFX: SMACK
HOW COULD I HAVE MIXED THEM UP?
NII-CHAN WOULD HAVE BEEN MUCH STRONGER.
HIS SPEED AND TECHNIQUE ARE REALLY GOOD, BUT HIS STRENGTH IS SURPRISINGLY WEAK.

SFX: SKIN
SFX: BOUNCE
ONE-ON-ONE!!
COME ON!!
SFX: SLAM
SFX: BUMPF

SFX: KICK
SFX: DASH
!
IF YOU PURPOSELY TURN YOUR BODY AROUND TO ALLOW YOUR RIGHT LEG TO GET THIS BALL ON YOUR LEFT, LIKE LAST TIME...
WHAT WILL YOU DO, KAKERU?

SFX: BA-THUMP
OOOOOHHH!!
SFX: SKRRRRRRRT
HUH?

SHOW ME...
WHO YOU REALLY ARE-!!
SFX PUNCH

SFX: WHEEEEEEEEE
EEEEE-
EEEEEK!!
SFX: ROLL ROLL
BOING BOING
SFX: PEEL
!
ARE YOU OKAY?
SO... SORRY, I WAS TOO SERIOUS.
KAKE-RU.
HUH THAT WAS A GIRL'S VOICE?

NO... NO WAY...
SE... SEVEN ???!
SORRY I HID IT FROM YOU, KAKERU...
SO, GREY MASK WAS SEVEN ALL ALONG... WAIT, WHY?!
NOT YET. DID YOU KNOW..?
TELL ME... WHY DID YOU...
HUH..? KNOW WHAT?
7
HUH?!

KAKERU ...
JUST NOW
YOU USED YOUR LEFT LEG TO SHOOT.

SFX: THUMP, THUMP

DON'T EVER FORGET THAT FEELING.
EH?
I THOUGHT I HEARD A VOICE.
NO... MORE LIKE I FELT A VOICE-
MAYBE I WAS JUST THINKING TOO MUCH, BUT JUST NOW, I REALLY...
KAKERU ...?
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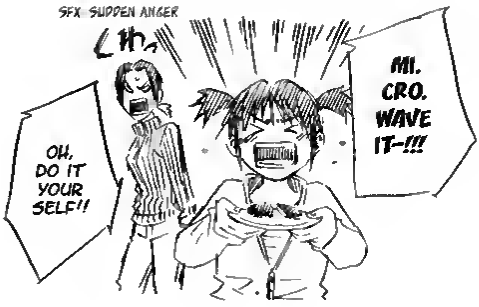
AT THIS MOMENT...
WITHIN ME,
.....
IT WAS LIKE "SOMETHING" HAD AWOKEN.


SFX: SUDDEN ANGER
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OH, DO IT YOUR SELF!!
MI. CRO. WAVE IT-!!!

THE KNIGHT IN THE AREA
エリアの騎士

WE NEED PROOFERS AND QCERS. APPLICANTS FOR OTHER POSITIONS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.T IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN JOINING US TO HELP WITH AREA NO KISHI, OVER DRIVE AND REAL DON'T HESITATE TO CONTACT ME (MATHI36@CHIBISUKE-SCANS.COM).

JAELEE:
BANG!!! SHE KILLED ME...

JAKIELLA:
DON'T TAKE LIFE SO SERIOUSLY, IT'S NOT LIKE WE'RE GETTING OUT ALIVE

GE4CE:
UNEXPECTEDLY EXPECT THE OBVIOUS OBVIOUSLY.

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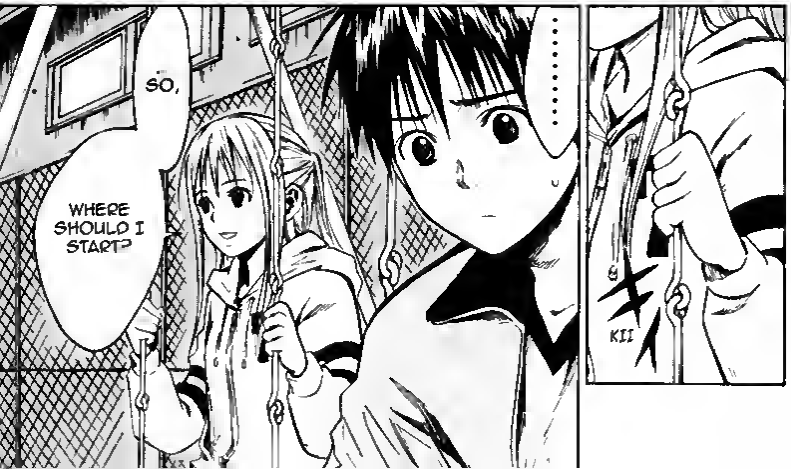
#10 Our Dream


SO,
WHERE SHOULD I START?
.....
KII

EH... HE-EY, WAIT UP! I CAN'T KEEP UP WITH YOU ASKING ME ALL AT ONCE...
AND WHAT'S WITH THE ALIEN ANYWAY?!
WHY DID YOU CHAL-LENGE ME SO MANY TIMES?!
WHY DID YOU SHOW UP AT THE PARK SO LATE AT NIGHT AND HIDE BEHIND A MASK?!
HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT I'VE ALWAYS BEEN WEAK ON MY LEFT SIDE?!
SEVEN, WHY ARE YOUR FOOTBALL SKILLS SO AMAZING?!
WELL THEN LET ME TELL YOU WHERE, OKAY?!

SFX: ROAR

SUGURU-SAN ASKED ME TO.
SO... OKAY, TELL ME... WHY DID YOU HIDE UNDER A MASK, AND CHALLENGE ME?
YES
NII. NII-CHAN DID?
EH?!
AND I WAS IN THE AREA, AND JUST BY COIN-CIDENCE I SAW HIS MATCH.
AT THAT TIME, I WAS STILL ATTENDING A JAPANESE SCHOOL IN LOS ANGELES.. LOS ANGELES IS PRETTY CLOSE TO MEXICO-
SUGURU-SAN WENT TO MEXICO AS PART OF THE U-15 TEAM, RIGHT?

SUGURU-SAN!
ARE YOU SEVEN?
.....
..I SEE, SO YOU'RE COMING BACK TO JAPAN?
YUP, SO I'LL PROBABLY BE TRANSFERRING TO THE SCHOOL YOU AND KAKERU GO TO.
Anyway, I wonder if I can become a manager...
HEY, SUGURU-SAN, WHAT ABOUT KAKERU? IS HE WORKING HARD?
HE'S OUR MANA-GER
HE COULD BE PICKED FOR THE YOUTH NATIONAL TEAM NEXT YEA.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE'S THINKING, BUT IT'S PROBABLY BECAUSE HE WASN'T PICKED TO BE A STARTER IN HIS FIRST YEAR
AT THIS RATE HE MIGHT ACTUALLY REALLY QUIT FOOTBALL
HUH?
IT'S PROBA-BLY PRES-SURE
IT'S HARD FOR KAKERU TOO, HAVING SUCH A TALENTED OLDER BROTHER LIKE YOU
.....

SAY, SEVEN. IF YOU REALLY TRANSFER INTO OUR SCHOOL...
I HAVE A FAVOUR TO ASK OF YOU.
...IT SEEMS THAT SUGURU-SAN KNEW YOU SECRETLY CAME TO THIS PARK AT NIGHT TO PRACTICE ALONE
BUT THERE'S A LIMIT TO INDIVIDUAL PRACTICE, ISN'T THERE?
SO, WITH ME AS YOUR PRACTICE PARTNER,
YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO RETURN TO PLAY FOR THE TEAM ANY TIME.
I HID UNDER A MASK, BECAUSE I THOUGHT THAT IF YOU KNEW IT WAS ME YOU WOULD BE ANGRY
...
NII-CHAN, HE...

WHAT DO YOU KNOW?!
WHAT KAKERU FATALLY LACKS ISN'T SKILL OR STAMINA
IT'S CONFIDENCE. IT'S THE SAME WITH HIS LEFT LEG.
WHEN DID YOU BECOME SO CHICKEN?

KAKE-RU...
I HAD SOMETHING TO SAY TO YOU,
IF YOU ACTUALLY DID COME HERE TO PLAY FOOTBALL TODAY,
WH... WHAT IS IT?
.....
THE REASON YOU WERE SAVED,

...AND THE DONOR OF THAT HEART WAS
!
WAS BECAUSE YOU RECEIVED A HEART TRANSPLANT.
SUGURU-SAN.
...THAT'S WHY, KAKERU, YOU MUSN'T FORGET...
CLASP
... WHAT ...

WHAT'S IN HERE ISN'T JUST SUGURU-SAN'S HEART...
BUT ALSO HIS DREAMS, THAT HE CAN NEVER FULFIL.
SO, KAKERU,

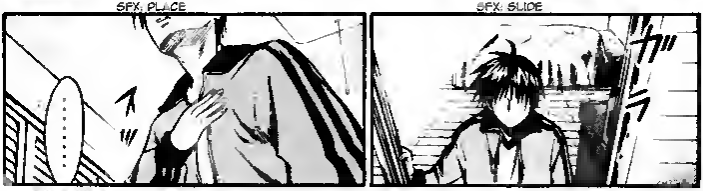
SFX: DASH
Kakeru!!
You can't give up on football!!
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA
SFX: BA-BUMP
SFX: BA-BUMP

!
HA-HA
BA-BUMP
BA-BUMP
Kakeru! What's wrong?!
Is your heart...?!
SFX: SWEEP
Kakeru?
WHAT HAPPENED?
AH... DEAR,
MAYBE HE'S...

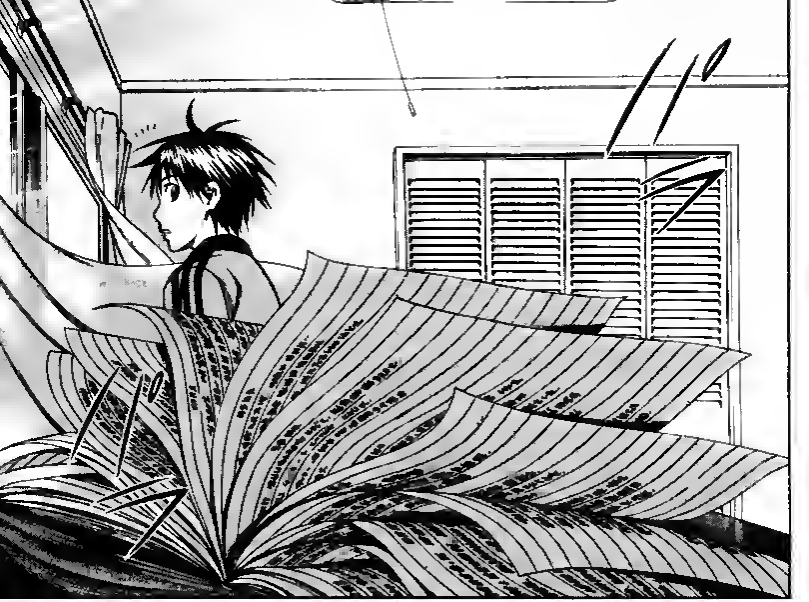
KAKERU, YOU MUST HAVE HEARD ABOUT YOUR HEART, RIGHT...
WAS IT MINE-SENSEI?
...
SO YOU WERE IN SUGURU'S ROOM...
SORRY FOR NOT TELLING YOU.
MINE-SENSEI SAID TO WAIT UNTIL AFTER YOU SETTLED DOWN.
I UNDER-STAND...
CAN I BE ALONE FOR A WHILE?
BUT... THERE'S NO NEED FOR YOU TO BEAR ANY RESPONSI-BILITY.

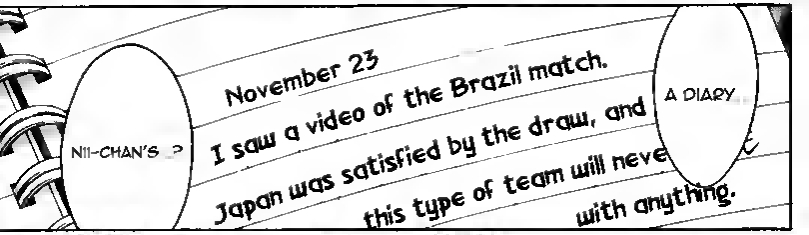
NII-CHAN...
NII-CHAN...
WHAT...
WHAT DO I DO...

OWOW-
OWOWOW...
WHEN DID
I FALL
ASLEEP...
MMPH...
IT'S
MORNING?


SFX: PLACE
SFX: SLIDE

SFX: RUSTLE
GOOD
MORNING,
NII-CHAN


SFX: FLAP FLAP


November 23
I saw a video of the Brazil match.
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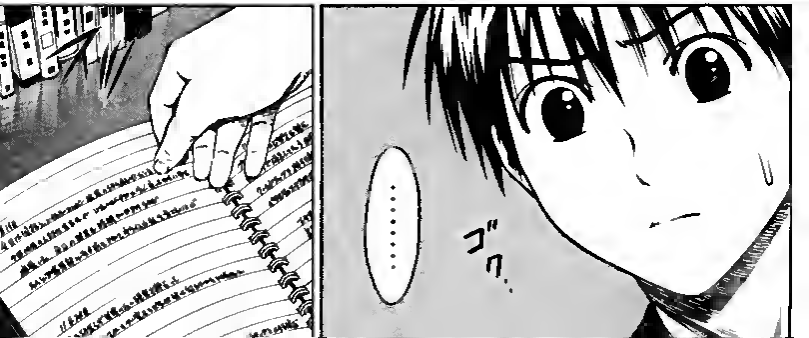
with anything.
A DIARY
NII-CHAN'S
SFX: FLIP
SFX: GULP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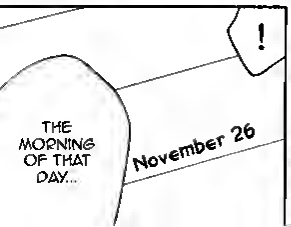
I saw a video of the Brazil match. Japan was satisfied by the draw, and I believe that that type of team will never come back from the World Cup with anything.
I want to have someone who can get things done accurately in the penalty area.
A knight in the area. Without him, the national team and the U-15 team would-
AS I THOUGHT. NII-CHAN THOUGHT ONLY ABOUT FOOTBALL EVERY DAY...
SFX: FLIP
I dreamt that I opened the club toilet door and saw Kunimatsu inside, as well as something horrible...
NO WAY...
And about the coach taking on the high schoolers part time as well. How can I put it? Ever since I became captain, it was always Kunimatsu and I who did the practice schedules and selected the starters.
We learnt many things, but to really triumph in the national championships, we need a professional coach for the middle school team.

This morning, I had that dream again.

It was during a match, and I noticed that there was nobody around me.
I was completely alone...

IT'S POSSIBLE THAT HE HAD A PREMONITION OF DYING IN THE ACCIDENT.
YOU KNOW... HE HAD A LOT OF NIGHTMARES, BEFORE THE ACCIDENT.
...

I called and shouted, but there was no reply. It was like being in the middle of mist.
When I woke up, I was sweating, and I was scared to sleep again-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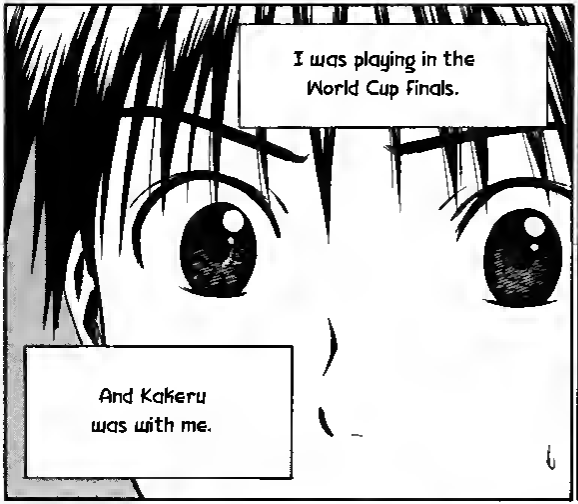
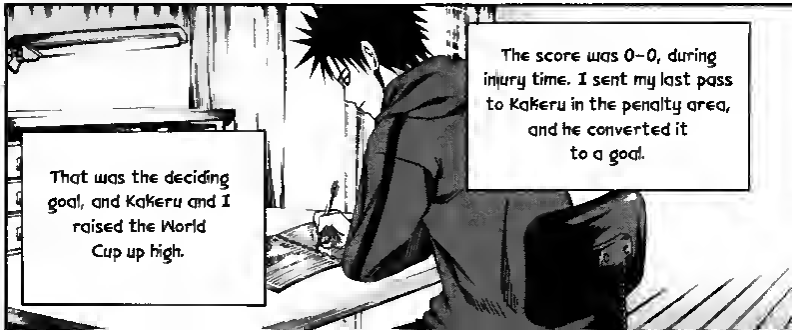
THE MORNING OF THAT DAY...

It's been a long time since I had such a good dream.

I feel great.




The score was 0-0, during injury time. I sent my last pass to Kakeru in the penalty area, and he converted it to a goal.
That was the deciding goal, and Kakeru and I raised the World Cup up high.

This has always been in my mind.
My dream.

My, and Kakeru's
POp
This has always been in my mind
My dream
My, and Kakeru's dream
dream...

NII-CHAN...
MY DIARY
I'M SORRY FOR FORGETTING...

WE'LL DEFINITELY-
WORLD CUP JAPAN AS CHAMPIONS!
GET THE WORLD CUP.
NII-CHAN'S LAST PASS
THIS IS...
IT'S MY LAST PASS TO YOU.
KAKERU... RECEIVE MY PASS.

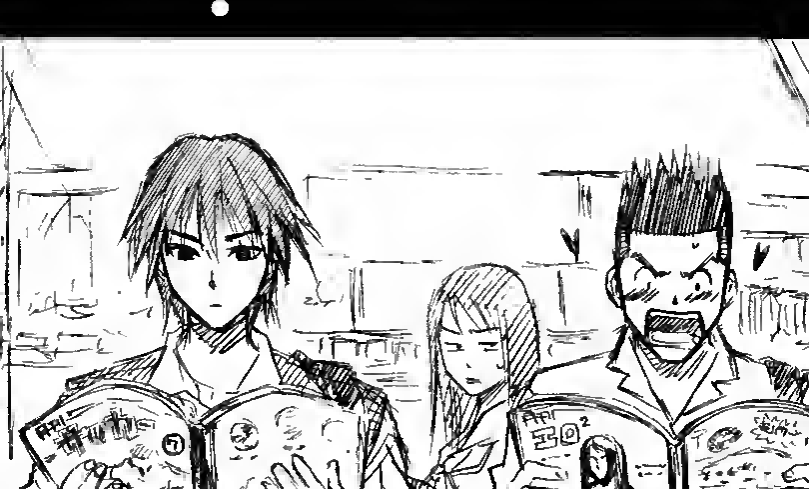
I CAN'T KEEP RUNNING AWAY.
I CAN'T DO THAT.
I'LL CONTINUE TO PLAY FOOTBALL,
NII-CHAN.

AS MUCH AS I CAN,
WITH THE LIFE THAT
YOU GAVE ME...

佐伯 祐介

SAEKI YUSUKE

Birthday:2/25
Blood type:AB
Position:Midfielder



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NAKATSUKA KOTA

Birthday:1/20
Blood type:B
Position:Defender

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KOURI-CHAN:
AH, QC, QC, QC...

MATHI36:
INDEED, QC, QC, QC....

JUSTAM:
HAHA! I LOVE NOT HAVING TO DO ANYTHING!

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#11 Awakening as a Forward

HAS ADVANCED TO THE QUARTERFINALS OF THE PREFECTURAL QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT. IT IS THE LAST TOURNAMENT THAT THE THIRD YEARS WILL PLAY
KAMAKURA FOOTBALL CLUB

YUUSUKE, AS THE CAPTAIN OF THE TEAM, HAS TAKEN ON THE ROLE OF THE PLAY-MAKER.
KOUTA IS A STARTER DEFENDING THE LEFT FLANK.
HE IS ECSTATIC ABOUT WEARING A NUMBERED UNIFORM.
I'VE WORKED HARD TOWARDS MY AIM, TO BECOME A STARTER-
SPEAK UP-!!
DEFEN-CE-!!
AND I HAVE RETURNED TO THE FOOTBALL CLUB, AND HAVE BECOME A PLAYER IN THE TEAM AGAIN
GET BACK, GET BACK! THE COUNTER-ATTACK IS COMING FROM THE RIGHT!
BUT I MAY FINISH MY MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL CAREER,
WITH A NUMBER-LESS UNIFORM

GREAT JOB YUUSUKE!
YEAH.
YOU WERE GREAT!
11
CAPTAIN! THAT WAS A NICE PASS, THANKS!
OH, SAKAKI! YOU SHOT WELL TOO!
BUT YOU LOST TO ME, THOUGH.
THAT'S WHY YOU SHOULD STOP BEING STUPID AND OVERLAPPING INTO OUR ZONE! DAMN IT NAKATSUKA!
OW!
WHACK
YOU BASTARD! I'LL KILL YOU NISHIJIMA!
WHIP
WHIP
WHIP
EVERYBODY HAS WORKED VERY HARD!
HERE, HAVE SOME GATORADE-
OMFU- I CROSS-COUNTERED
PUNCH

YOU WORKED HARD-
GURGLE
FEED ME GATORADE THROUGH YOUR MOU...
YE... YEAH
NANA-CHA~~N!
KOUTA... ALL THE FIRST-YEARS ARE STARING.
TWITCH TWITCH
GLUG GLUG GLUG
SAEKI.
HERE'S THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW'S LINEUP. I'VE ALSO CHANGED THE SUBSTITUES AROUND A LITTLE.
YES, COACH KUMAGAI.
OKAY, TODAY'S PRACTICE IS OVER. YOU CAN GO WHEN EVERYTHING IS CLEANED UP!
YES!
TOMORROW WILL JUST BE A MEETING TO ANNOUNCE THE LINEUP. SO REST UP AND PREPARE FOR THE MATCH THE DAY AFTER THAT!
HE ADDED YANAGI FROM THE SECOND YEAR TO THE BENCH... KAKERU'S NAME ISN'T LISTED, HUH....
FLIP

COACH KUMAGAI, IT'S TIME FOR OUR RECAP MEETING
MHMM
WELL, I'LL BE RETURNING TO THE HIGH SCHOOL THEN
ALL RIGHT THANK YOU VERY MUCH
PLEASE, KUNIMATSU-SAN...
!
NOD
SO, KUNIMATSU, ESSENTIALLY YOU'RE TELLING ME TO USE KAKERU.
YES. I KNOW THAT I AM IN NO POSITION TO ASK THAT OF YOU, COACH.
BUT AS THEIR SENIOR, WHO HAS SEEN THEM PRACTICE...
I WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE KAKERU'S EFFORT SINCE HE REJOINED THE TEAM

THE GUY HAS CHANGED.
OOF!
HE'S REALLY WORKING HARD.
KUNIMATSU WHEN SUGURU WAS HERE, I MAY HAVE LEFT THAT GENIUS TO MANAGE MOST OF THE DAY-TO-DAY AFFAIRS OF THE MIDDLE SCHOOL CLUB.
BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT I DIDN'T NOTICE ANYTHING.
.....
KAKERU CAN'T BE USED IN A REAL MATCH.
B... BUT...

IT'S LIKE HE WAS A TOTALLY DIFFERENT PERSON BEFORE THE ACCIDENT. HE'S BECOME MORE HARD-WORKING, AND HE CAN USE HIS LEFT LEG WITH SOME SKILL NOW.
SINCE HE RECOVERED FROM HIS INJURIES, HE'S SCORED DECIDING GOALS IN THE PRACTICE MATCHES EVERY TIME.
IT'S TRUE THAT HE DOES HAVE THE TECHNIQUE AND THE SPEED, BUT HE'S THE TYPE THAT CAN'T DO ANYTHING WHEN IN FRONT OF THE GOAL.

BUT IF HE IS IN AN IMPORTANT MATCH,
HIS SHOTS WILL GO WIDE AGAIN.

.....
THAT STUBBORN COACH-!

HEY, SEVEN! PASS THE BALL!
ROLL
ROLL
SHAKE
SHAKE

THERE IS NO NEED TO TREAT HIM DIFFERENTLY JUST BECAUSE HE IS SUGURU'S BROTHER.

AGH!
AH...
!
WHAM
YOU'RE THE WORST-!!
BOUNCE
BOUNCE
CO... COACH?!
DASH
KYA! I, I'M SOR-
SLAP
YOU NO-GOOD LOUT!
PEH
PEH
KAKERU?!
SLAP
SLAP
.....
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE. I MEAN, LOOK AT HIM!
He's so sorry?
IS KAKERU-SENPAI REALLY 'THE' AIZAWA SUGURU-SAN'S BROTHER?!
SNICKER
SNICKER
SORRY I'M REALLY SORRY, KAKERU
SMART
SMART
YOU'RE SO MEAN, SEVE~N.

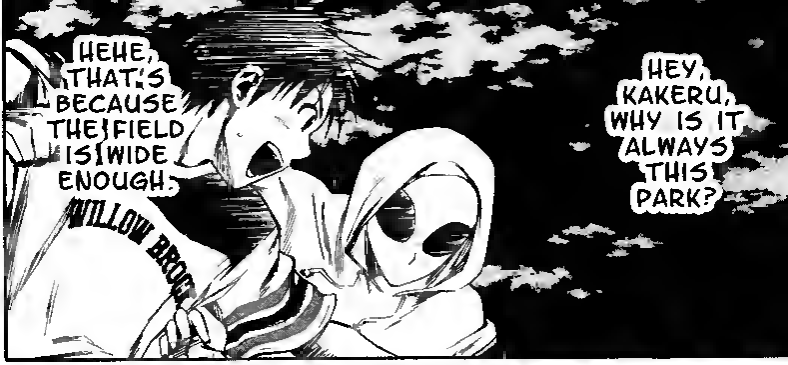
HEY, FIRST-YEAR, WHAT'S SO FUNNY?
AH! CAPTAIN
SO... SORRY.
IF YOU HAVE TIME TO JOKE AROUND, WHY DON'T YOU FOLLOW KAKERU'S EXAMPLE? HE'S STAYED AFTER CLUB TO PRACTICE
SEE HIS DEDICA-TION?
IS THAT REALLY PRACTICE?
IT'S JUST PLAYING AGAINST THE WALLS OF THE TENNIS COURTS, ISN'T IT?
HEY
SO TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT THE MARKS LEFT ON THAT WALL, THEN.
?
SERI-OUSLY...
WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT THIS WALL?

H... HEY. THE MARKS ARE ALL CONCEN-TRATED AT THE SAME SPOT.
!
YOU... YOU'RE RIGHT!
THERE AND THERE AND... WAIT A SECOND, THIS IS...
ISN'T IT LIKE THE FOUR CORNERS OF THE GOAL?

DOES HE RUN ALONG HERE WHEN HE PRACTICES SHOOTING?
IT'S AROUND THE DISTANCE BETWEEN THE EDGE OF THE PENALTY AREA AND THE GOAL
AROUND 20 METRES.
THAT... THAT GUY,
TODAY'S HORO-SCOPE SAID IT WOULD BE A GOOD DAY!
WHY DOESN'T HE HAVE A NUMBERED UNIFORM?
AWE-SOME...

I'M GOING NOW, NII-CHAN.
WELL,

WILLOW BROOK
HEEY, SEVEN!
AH! KAKERU ♪
COME ON, LET'S JUST KICK OFF.
TAP
EVEN SO! It's just too weird!
UMM... YOU KNOW, YOU SHOULD PROBABLY STOP WEARING THAT GREY MASK?
I WEAR IT, BECAUSE IT SEEMS LIKE YOU WON'T BE SERIOUS WITHOUT IT.
O-KAY!
Oops!
THUMP


HEHE, THAT'S BECAUSE THE FIELD IS WIDE ENOUGH.
WILLOW BROOK
HEY, KAKERU, WHY IS IT ALWAYS THIS PARK?

AH... I SEE...
THIS FIELD'S OPEN SPACE IS ABOUT THE SAME SIZE AS THE PENALTY AREA

WIDE?
YUP. CAN'T YOU FEEL IT, SEVEN?

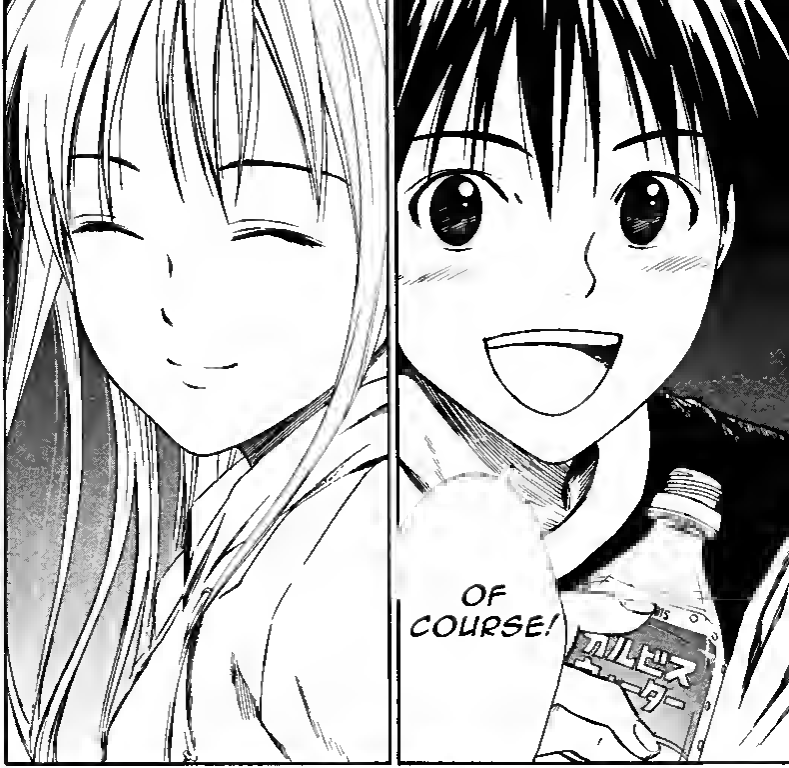
BECAUSE THE PENALTY AREA...

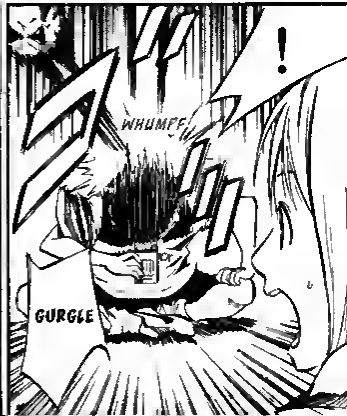
IS WHERE A SHOOTER DOES HIS WORK, YOU KNOW.
PWAAAAH
IT'S DEFI-NITELY
NII-CHAN'S GIFT...
WILLOW
WE MAY BE WORKING HARD, BUT TAKE CARE OF YOUR BODY, KAKERU.
YOU'RE ALWAYS PRACTISING IN THE MORNING AT THE CLUB, AND AT NIGHT YOU'RE RUNNING AROUND HERE.
IT DOESN'T TIRE ME OUT AT ALL. IT DIDN'T BEFORE THE ACCIDENT EITHER.
HUH
HUH
HUH
HUH
OW BROS
.....
BUT SEVEN, YOUR TECHNIQUE IS REALLY AWESOME!

WHIP
I'LL TELL YOU LATER...
HOW DID YOU BECOME SO GOOD? TELL ME!
YOU'RE GOOD ENOUGH TO BE A STARTER FOR OUR FOOTBALL TEAM!
THUMP
SWAY
AWE-SOME ...

HEY, KAKERU.
HMM?
YOU'RE GOING TO SWITCH SCHOOLS WHEN WE GRADUATE TO HIGH SCHOOL, RIGHT?
YEAH
I SEE
IT'S BECAUSE I'M AIZAWA SUGURU'S BROTHER.
I WANT TO PLAY FOOTBALL WHERE NOBODY KNOWS WHO I AM.
THEY'LL FIND OUT EVENTU-ALLY.
IT'S STILL BETTER THAN DIRECTLY GOING TO KAMAKURA HIGH.
I GUESS SO
TAP
TAP
YEAH, RIGHT?

EH?
BA-BUMP
IS THAT OKAY?
.....
YEAH.
WANT TO GO TO THE SAME HIGH SCHOOL THAT YOU ARE GOING TO.
I...
CAN HE REALLY ENJOY FOOTBALL THIS WAY?!
THAT STUBBORN COACH IS SO NARROW-MINDED!
WHAM
BANG
HEY, KAKERU.
UMM?





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MY HOLIDAYS'RE COMING TO AN END.....

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